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Bill will increase Pell Grants

By TEAGAN HIGLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Thanks to the Student Aid Reward Act of 2005, students and Administrators finally have something to celebrate about together.

The bill, currently in legislation, would generate billions of dollars for scholarship aid if enacted, benefiting both schools and students by eliminating the need to go through corporate banks with "excessive subsidies" for college loan money, according to a press release from Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

Projected to generate about \$17 billion over the next 10 years, the act would create much-needed scholarship money for students. The Reward Program would also encourage institutions of higher education to participate. The bill is designed to help millions of college students in the United States.

When an institution of

higher education uses Direct Loans, it receives savings to go toward scholarships.

The introduction of the act reads: "To ensure that the Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible so that there is more grant aid for students."

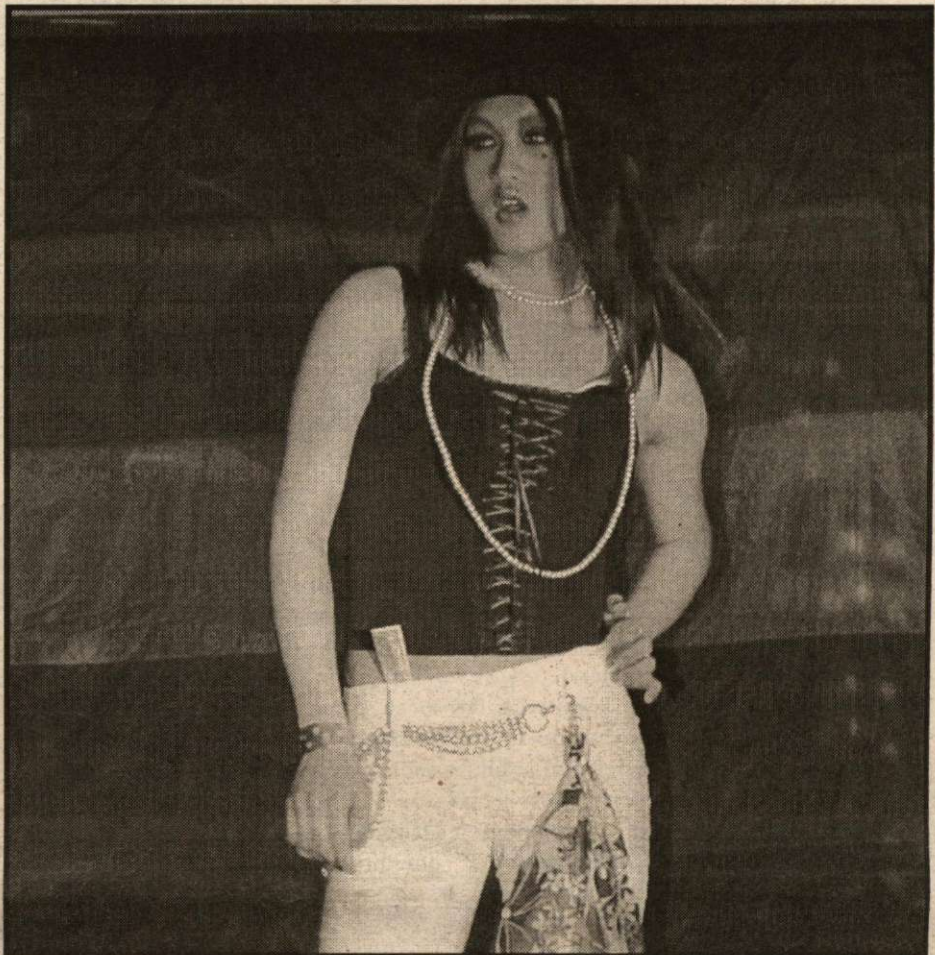
Also noteworthy, and probably most important, is that the act specifies that participating schools receive the funding from the federal government. The billions would go to students for school, with no additional cost to taxpayers.

The act is co-sponsored by McCollum as well as over 30 Democratic and Republican members of Congress.

An amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965, the bipartisan legislation would put into effect some wonderful and ground-breaking new policies that will, in effect, save money for pretty much everyone except banks.

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Queer Students Union Drag Show



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

"Climax," a.k.a. Tony Keopraseuth, performs to "Get Right" at the annual QSU Drag Show on Saturday, April 2. Over 350 people participated in the event that not only promotes gender freedom, but also discusses serious issues within, but not limited to, the GLBT community. For more information on the event turn to page 18.

Engineering booth a Techfest favorite

By HEATHER TROW
STAFF REPORTER

Technology at UMD has become an increasingly integral part of the work and lives of students, staff and faculty.

To celebrate this and demonstrate the constant technological advances in many facets of University life, the UMD community held UMD Techfest on April 1.

Linda Blustin, a coordinator of the event, said the goal of the Techfest was to "bring together students, staff and faculty to share how they use technology in their work and especially how it has changed through the years."

"We really want to encourage students to participate," Blustin said. "You don't need to

be a Computer Science major to take part in the Techfest."

While different groups set up booths every year, some students come back a second time to show any changes and improvements they have made. About 32 booths fill the Kirby Ballroom every year and about 700 students attend.

Groups this year included the library staff, who demonstrated new ways to do research and find information in the library,

and the Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), who demonstrated different ways to use the iPod in presentations.

One of the most popular booths was a group of Electrical and Computer Engineering majors who worked on creating a

"Fully Autonomous Intelligent Ground Vehicle."

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Mike Mueller described the project as a "robot with a camera. It takes an image, processes that image and uses an ultrasonic sensor to detect solid objects and determine

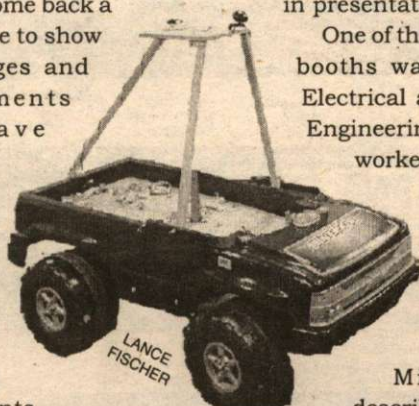
how far away they are."

Mueller and his team will be taking their robot to the International Ground Vehicle Competition (IGC) from June 11-13, to compete against other groups from all over the country.

They began work in December and worked over both breaks. Mueller estimated they've spent 50 hours on the robot so far, and have about 50-70 hours of work left.

Another popular booth was Disability Services and Resources, which displayed an advanced computer program, called "Listen for Better Reading." The program, called the Kurzweil 3000, is a computerized voice that reads

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Election Results

The Student Association held its elections Tuesday and Wednesday, with almost all of the candidates running unopposed. The contested positions were President and Vice President of student affairs.

The following are the winners of the President and VP positions:

- **President:** Tiffany Varilek
- **VP Student Affairs:** Meghan Keil
- **VP of Academic Affairs:** Melissa Bell
- **VP of Legislative and City Affairs:** Sean Bell
- **VP of Finance and Facilities:** Rana Jubran

Senators and many student representatives at large were also elected.

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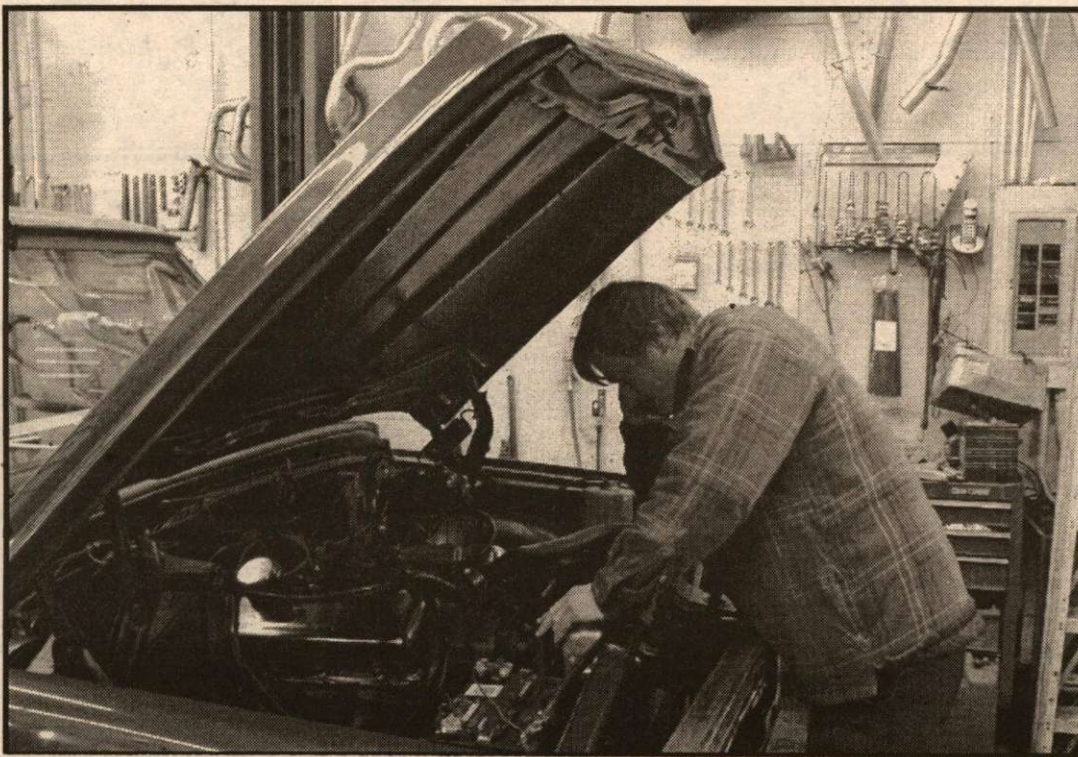
Tips for first-time auto care

By TYLER NELSON
STAFF REPORTER

College is a time for firsts. First toga party, first minority acquaintance, first acid trip and, most taxing of all, first auto repair experience. Students are busy enough with schoolwork, jobs, clubs and social responsibilities, and the addition of car care can lead to a lot of stress.

Many UMD students are not from the Duluth area and are unfamiliar with the different car care options available. A lot of students are also inexperienced in dealing with auto mechanics, many of whom carry a reputation for shadiness and for taking advantage of the auto-illiterate.

The sheer abundance of auto care shops in Duluth provides students with the convenience of choice. But you should ask certain questions before you commit to one place. Do they offer any student discounts? How do their prices compare to other shops? Do they seem reliable? Free tire rotation? Fluid inspection? Happy ending? Though they may appear similar, auto care shops differ in the categories of price, competence and customer service. While it



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

A mechanic at Kenwood Muffler and Brake pauses to inspect his work on the carburetor of a 1970 Chevrolet pickup, which sports a big-block V8. Vintage American iron is still repaired the old-fashioned way, at a cluttered auto shop by a skilled laborer.

may seem a waste of time and energy, hunting down the best deal is well worth the effort in the end.

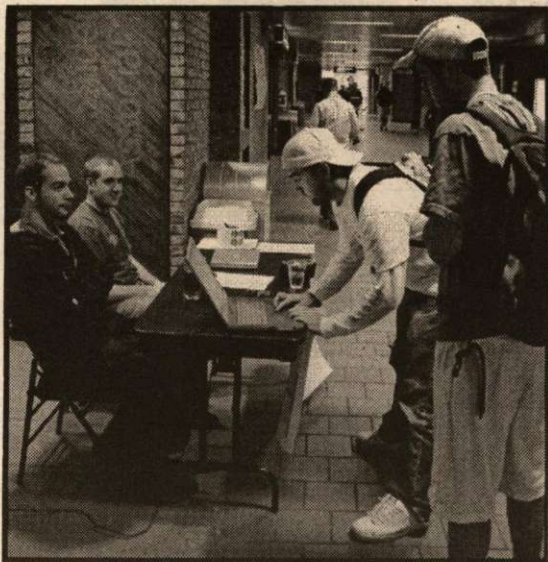
I visited a few local shops myself to find out how they appeal, if at all, to college students. My focus was on the oil change service, since it's among the most common car

care needs. Of the places I visited, Auto Ace Express Lube most impressed me. Conveniently located in the Kenwood Shopping Center, Auto Ace offers students a \$5 discount with a coupon that can be found in this very newspaper. But for those students who think they're too good to pick

up a copy of the *Statesman*, Auto Ace offers a \$2 discount with a U-Card.

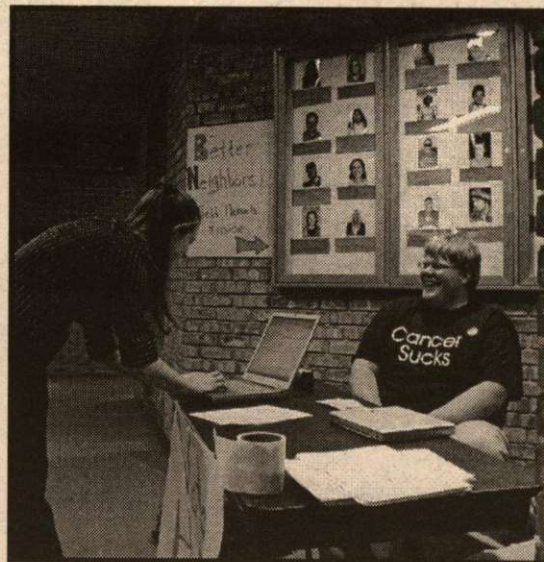
London Road Car Wash and Lube Center offers no student discounts, and the oil change service costs a few dollars more than Auto Ace, but they'll wash your car at no charge when

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Students voted Tuesday and Wednesday for representatives in the UMD Student Association. Some candidates for SA president and VP of Student Affairs approached students and encouraged them to vote. Others involved in the election employed reverse psychology to get students to vote, saying, "Don't vote!" Elected officials will assume their positions in the fall semester of 2005.



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Students should expect some registration changes

By KIEREN SELL
STAFF REPORTER

As temperatures rise and the piles of snow melt, spring officially arrives in Duluth. But for students, it is also the time to start thinking about next fall.

The registration process has changed significantly in the last few years, but this year brings a few surprises for students enrolling in their next semester at UMD.

One major change is in the health insurance information page, which you fill out before signing up for classes. UMD is changing its insurance carrier for students starting next fall and, because of this change, they will require students to fill out not only their insurance company and policy number, but also the company's telephone number.

"The phone number is usually on the back of your insurance card," said Jackie Carlson, assistant director of student support services. "Students need to be aware of this change, because it might be hard to find and could set back your registration."

Health insurance information must be entered if stu-

dents register for more than six credits. Once you sign in to register, the insurance information you entered will appear, but then students must add the telephone number and make any necessary changes to their information.

Another change that some students may encounter while registering is how wait listing is done through each collegiate unit. On the College of Liberal Arts, School of Business and Economics and the School of Fine Arts' online class schedules, there is a new button that takes you straight to the wait list once a class is full.

"Students need to know how each specific college does wait listing," said Carlson. "You can't assume every collegiate unit does things the same way. Students should check with the Student Affairs office of whatever college the class is in. Wait listing options may not always be online."

A link to the Bookstore will also be available for students on their enrollment summary. The button labeled "Textbooks" will give a list of the required books for the classes and allow you to order the books online.

"The link is not active right

now because fall semester is still far away," said Carlson. "It will work closer to the start of the semester."

Once enrolled, students can see their enrollment summaries in new and different ways on the Registrar Web site. Students can see a week-by-week layout of their schedules. That blocks out each day and time the classes take place. A printer-friendly version of the schedule can also be printed from the Web site.

Registration for the fall semester begins on Monday, April 11 and goes to Friday, April 29. Students will receive a confirmation e-mail of their enrollment summary before the semester starts and tuition and fee information will be sent out in the annual fall newsletter in mid-August. The first fee statement for the semester will be sent by e-mail on Sept. 12.

Information on the registration process can be found in the Fall 2005 Policy and Procedures booklet on the Registrar's Web site, www.d.umn.edu/registrar/Fall2005PolicyProceed.pdf.

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U of M lawyer no longer running for Senate in 2006

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Democrat Mark Rotenberg, the top lawyer at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, took his name out of the running Monday for Minnesota's 2006 Senate race.

Rotenberg withdrew about a month after forming an exploratory committee. In a news release, Rotenberg said, "the mountain of money necessary to deliver my message is daunting,

and I would rather spend my time working on the issues rather than be consumed with the full-time task of fundraising."

Rotenberg has served as Minnesota's general counsel since 1992. To date, his political activity has been behind the scenes, such as his 2004 role as a Minnesota leader in Sen. Joe Lieberman's presidential campaign.

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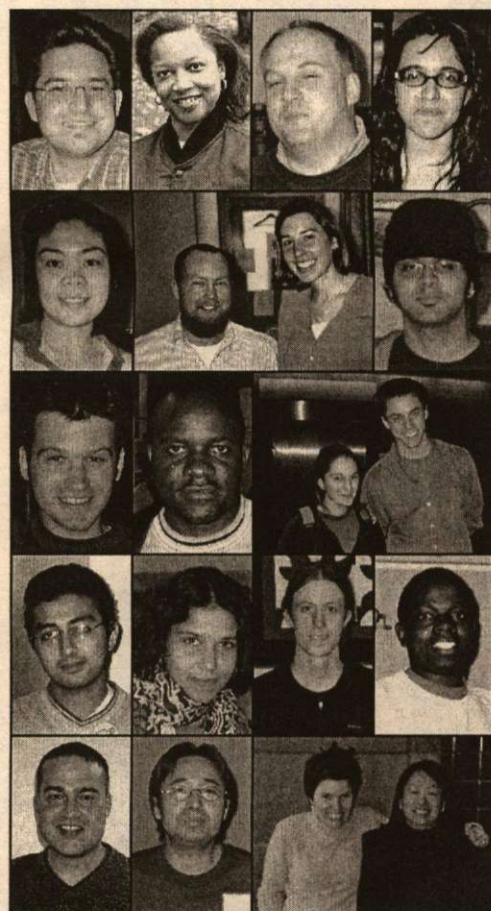
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Fundraising program to attract top high school graduates

By TEAGAN HIGLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Imagine being one of the high school students of America that have worked hard for their letter jackets with their pins and patches. As they eagerly look ahead to their promising future, they wonder: What is to become of me? Princeton? Harvard? UMD?

A new program will be added at UMD to attract and encourage top high school graduates for upcoming semesters. Deemed the Best of Class Scholarship Program, its intentions are to attract the first and second-ranked students from each and every graduating class in Minnesota.

According to a press release on the UMD News site, Best of Class graduates will receive a \$10,000 gift from UMD as a scholarship and to back it up will be a matching amount for the market value payout, doubling the amount.

This program is to be funded with \$1.2 million of the \$40 million UMD has raised over the past six years for similar purposes, such as capital improvements and other scholarships.

There are currently 263 Best of Class Students and UMD is hoping for more.

"We are very pleased to launch this exciting new scholarship program," said Bill Wade, vice chancellor for University Relations in the press release on UMD News. "The beginning of the new year is a key time to spotlight the importance of scholarships in assisting talented Minnesota students to attend UMD. It is vitally important to offer quality incentives to attract and keep our high ability students."

Not all people at UMD agree.

"I think it might be a ploy," said student Calvin Stoutenburg. "If UMD has the top grads from all the high schools then their credentials will be boosted, no? And so, if their credentials are boosted more people are going to want to go there. Sounds like a scam to me. Well, not for the top grads of course."

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UMD heads to justFair Lobby Day

By JP LEIDER
STAFF REPORTER

Early this morning, nearly 50 UMD students and staff boarded a bus to the Twin Cities to participate in this year's justFair Lobby Day at the state capitol.

JustFair Lobby Day brings thousands of GLBT members and proponents to the capitol to lobby their legislators, according to OutFront Minnesota, the organizer of the event.

"All lobbying really consists of is talking to reps. about what you want. It's about persuading them to vote a certain way," said UMD's justFair Lobby Day Coordinator Angie Nichols, who is also director of the UMD Achievement Center.

Another goal of lobbying, according to Nichols, is to translate current talking points into personal experiences of the participants.

Last year, after state Senator Michele Bachmann (R-Stillwater) began pushing for a constitutional definition of marriage as between a man and

a woman, over 2,000 citizens spoke to their legislators at OutFront's "Rally for Fairness," according to OutFront's Web site.

Though the bill was killed early in the process, the idea of a constitutional definition of marriage has not fallen by the wayside. Almost 20 state representatives have resurrected this bill in the form of HF6, according to the Minnesota State Legislature Web site. A week ago, HF6 passed the House 77-56.

Nichols believes that HF6 is worth fighting and, if passed, could be harmful to GLBT families. She said HF6 would ban any legal recognition of marriage other than between a man and a woman, such as civil unions and domestic partnerships.

The Senate companion of HF6, SF1691, was introduced Monday and referred to the Judiciary committee. If passed, according to the text of the bill, the following would be proposed to the public at the 2006 general election: "Shall

the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that the state and its political subdivisions shall recognize or its legal equivalent as limited to only the union of one man and one woman?"

Eleven states approved a similar ballot question in last year's presidential election.

"Anyone receiving domestic partnership benefits from their employer could be affected by this amendment," Nichols said. "This year, it's made it through the House and we need to be really vocal to the Senate and tell them why this can't pass in Minnesota."

Today, according to Nichols, students will be informed on how to personalize issues because legislators "need to understand we're real people and not dehumanized faces that are being presented [by proponents of bills like HF6]."

After students and staff

from UMD check in with OutFront, they will meet with their legislators and about 10 to 15 other constituents, Nichols said.

"We hope that we're not only heard by our reps. but that the media will cast this statewide and educate people about what matters to us - same-sex marriage, healthcare, education and things like that. We also hope to educate them about our families. Many same-sex parents also have children that would be affected by [a constitutional definition of marriage] passing," Nichols said.

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Beth Olson of PAVSA gave a presentation on Wednesday to raise awareness about date rape and date rape drugs.

PAVSA offers information about date rape

By JAIME BERGLUND
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

To kick off Sexual Assault Awareness month, guest speaker Beth Olson from PAVSA (Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault), gave a presentation titled "Date Rape 101: What you need to know."

Olson spent most of the time speaking about two kinds of date rape drugs, Rohypnol and Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB). She said that 30-40 different kinds of drugs have been used to perform date rape.

Rohypnol is in the same category of drugs as Valium but is about 10 times as strong. Though illegal in the United States, Rohypnol is legal in other countries and used to help people with sleep problems.

Olson said that since Rohypnol is a legitimate drug, the company that produces it is taking measures to help prevent it from being used as a date rape drug. Posters are distributed for free to hang at colleges and they have also added a green food coloring to the pill so that when put into liquid, it will turn green.

Rohypnol has an onset of about 20-30 minutes and the effects can last from eight to 24 hours. Olson said that the typical scenario that takes place when this drug is used is that someone will be at a party, at a bar, on a date or anywhere else feeling fine. After having one drink, either alcoholic or otherwise, the victim will begin to feel sick and dizzy and will wake up eight to 10 hours later, normally somewhere else, and will remember nothing about what happened.

"This drug leaves the body very quickly," said Olson. "If someone thinks that drugs have been used on them, they have to get tested within 72 hours of the event."

Rohypnol is more common in the southern states because it is manufactured in Mexico. It is seen farther north around the time of Spring Break because so many people go to Mexico for their breaks.

The more common date rape drug for the northern states, however, is GHB. This drug is more common because it can

be made at home with items such as chemical cleaners.

GHB has many of the same effects as Ecstasy and is sometimes referred to as Liquid X or Liquid Ecstasy. At first, GHB looks like a greasy powder and feels like laundry soap. But once water is added to the mix, it becomes a clear and odorless liquid, though it might taste a bit salty.

GHB has an onset time of about 15 minutes. And unlike Rohypnol, which makes a person tired, GHB makes the victim highly excitable and stimulates the sex drive. It also causes a great deal of nausea.

Some people experience bits and pieces of memories of the night, called cameo shots.

Since the drug is normally homemade, there is no pill form and no regulated dose. This makes the drug very lethal. GHB causes the respiratory system to shut down. There were 50 reported deaths in the U.S. due to this drug by the year 2000.

Olson also made very clear that if someone was raped with a date rape drug, the victim should go to the hospital immediately because the drugs go through the system very fast. She said that once the victim wakes up, she or he will normally want to go home and take a shower or go to bed.

If a friend gets drugged, Olson advised students to call a rape crisis line, such as PAVSA, and to tell the victim not to change or shower and to go to the hospital right away.

She also said that to reduce the risk of date rape don't leave drinks unattended, accept drinks only from servers or bartenders, don't drink from open containers at parties and be aware of how much is consumed and how you feel after a certain amount of drinks. If the feeling is any different, tell someone right away.

Olson said that those at highest risk are girls between the ages of 14-26. She also said that most rape is about power and control.

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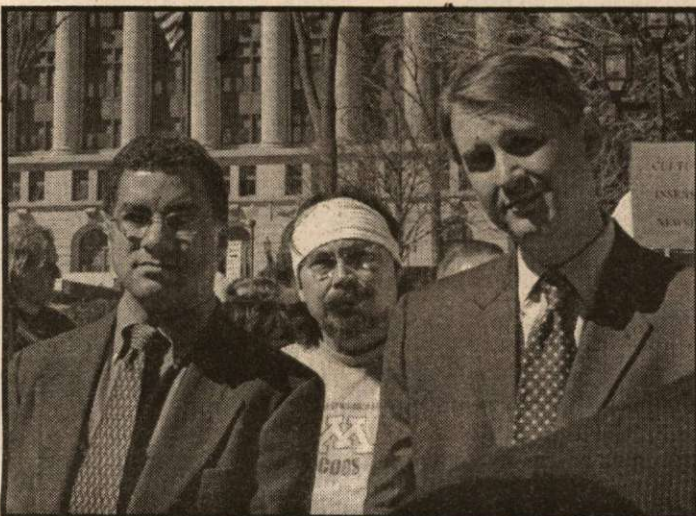
Only students enrolled in certain classes will get the free gadgets.

The school, which hoped the \$300 players would enhance students' learning by allowing them to record lectures, capture oral notes and play language-training recordings, spent \$500,000 on the pilot project.



MADDY OTTO/UMD STATESMAN

About 75 Native Americans protested in front of the Duluth News Tribune last Thursday in response to an editorial cartoon that many saw as racist and insensitive, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. Clockwise from top: Protesters in front of the DNT; Michael Sayers Jr., son of Mike Sayers, the community liaison for the Red Lake Indian Reservation; Rob Karwath, executive editor of the DNT, and Robin Washington, editorial page editor, address the protesters at Thursday's demonstration.



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Bonding Bill passes in House and Senate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

After more than a year of starts and fits and failed deals, the Minnesota Legislature signed off on an \$886 million construction projects bill Wednesday, paving the way for new university buildings, prison expansions, sewer improvements and other projects.

The Bonding Bill includes \$8.7 million for UMD's new Sports and Health Center and \$10.1 million for the Life Sciences Building.

The so-called bonding bill easily garnered the three-fifths majorities it needed to pass both chambers. The House approved the package on a 115-16 vote, while the bill passed the Senate on a 61-3 vote.

The \$886 million legislation authorizes state borrowing for college and university buildings, prison expansions, sewers and transit projects. Lawmakers spent much of the day discussing a provision that would authorize the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission in Blaine to lease some of its land. House Taxes Committee Chairman Phil Krinkie, R-Shoreview, objected to the item, saying it appeared in the bill against legislative rules and without

prior consideration by the appropriate committees.

Krinkie's objections were overturned when 95 of the 134 House members approved a procedural maneuver that cleared the way for the bill's passage.

"We've got a lot of good people in Minnesota that are going to go to work tomorrow because of this bonding bill," said Sen. Dave Senjem, R-Rochester. "It's been a long time coming."

Lawmakers have been under extra pressure to finish the construction package, which was on last year's agenda but stagnated as the session ended with partisan sniping and inaction.

The delay made construction projects more expensive as interest rates, labor costs and raw material prices climb.

The bill approved Wednesday authorizes \$886 million in state borrowing, but it actually contains \$945 million worth of projects. Some are funded through special accounts or user fees.

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Election past, political groups still active

Work includes upcoming campaigns, Free Democracy Summit

By KATIE EVANS
STAFF REPORTER

The 2004 presidential election is long over, but bedraggled candidate signs and other leftover evidence is starting to peek out from under the snow in recent weeks. Here on campus, political organizations are regrouping after the fall election season.

Several political groups exist on campus, including the College Republicans, the College Democrats, the Campus Greens and MPIRG. Representatives of the College Republicans were contacted for this story but did not respond.

"We are gearing up after the hectic election semester and planning for next year's gubernatorial and local elections," said Eric Bjerva, president of UMD's College Democrats.

Last fall, the College Democrats were involved in three different aspects of the presidential election.

The College Democrats also worked with the GOTV (Get Out The Vote) campaign.

"Colleges are notorious for having low voter turnout," said Bjerva. "If students don't vote, policy makers don't care."

It's easy to raise tuition to get money because students won't voice their concerns through voting and [the policy makers] won't lose their office."

There are different ways that Bjerva feels that UMD benefits from having the College Democrats on campus.

"A political party is whatever you make it," Bjerva observed.

One campus issue the College Democrats tackled recently was the exclusivity that Coca Cola® has on campus, which they found out was unpopular with students and faculty. They reached an agreement with Vice Chancellor Greg Fox that the next contract with Coke would not include an exclusive clause.

The Dems also create local contacts with the Duluth community, like Congressman Oberstar and City Council President Donny Ness.

Currently, at the state level, the College Democrats are co-authoring, with the Democratic Party, a pamphlet for campaigning on university campuses. They are also involved in Bud Philbrook's campaign for Minnesota Governor in 2006.

The College Democrats are part of the College Democrats of America. There are meetings and held conferences throughout the year, usually in the Twin Cities.

The Campus Greens are another political group on campus that was actively involved with the election last fall.

Tom Albright, a member of the Greens, outlined the various activities members participated in. From voter registration to working on campaigns for the Green party and other political parties, members of the Campus Greens were involved in a wide range of political causes.

"There are a lot of us with the attitude that it's more effective to get students to develop progressive ideals," said Albright in an e-mail interview.

"It's difficult to be a fringe political group on a college campus," he said. "Even though Duluth has a relatively high percentage of Green voters and youth tend to be more open to ideas outside of the current paradigm, Green activity on campus tends to come and go in waves."

There are also several non-partisan groups on campus.

MPIRG is one of the largest, with between 40-50 students attending their weekly meetings. They have a number of different non-partisan causes they support. They also plan political activities year-round.

Jamison Tessneer, a member of MPIRG and student contact for Democracy Matters (another non-partisan organization), said that MPIRG wants to "get students involved in politics now so they are involved for the rest of their lives. We need participants to make democracy work."

At election time, MPIRG prints and distributes non-partisan voter guides, registers voters and encourages people to get involved.

MPIRG is also a part of Lobby Day in the spring. In the fall, the Rally for the Cause is an annual benefit concert that encourages freshmen to get off campus and get involved in the community. "Take Back the Night," a march that supports women's issues on April 30, is another event that MPIRG is jointly organizing.

This semester MPIRG has concentrated its energy on the Free Democracy Summit. It is scheduled to take place April

22-24. To lure students, there will be live music, art openings and shows, a photo contest, a street festival and panel discussions.

Tessneer described the summit as "the heart of what we're doing this semester." MPIRG exists "to empower students as citizens and educate them as to how to participate in the political process," Tessneer explained.

While most of these organizations have some ideology behind them, there is a political organization that is all about money.

Democracy Matters is inactive now, but was busy last semester with the elections.

Last semester, along with the election, Democracy Matters also worked to garner support for the Fair and Clean Elections bill in the state legislature. This bill would give public financing through tax revenue for election use rather than private. Theoretically, this would reduce private business influence over candidates.

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Mike works with an impact tool at the bench. Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch advises students to keep the repair invoice for insurance or warranty needs.

REPAIRS: Know your rights when having your car repaired

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they're finished. Students who live down the hill from campus may also find the location more convenient.

If you feel like being up before 10 a.m., Jiffy Lube on Central Entrance charges only \$19.99 for an oil change. After 10, however, the price jumps to \$28.99. When I showed up all of the mechanics were just hanging out, which is all one can expect when they have absolutely no customers.

For reliability and professional service, students may want to check out Midas next to Cub Foods on Central Entrance. All Midas mechanics are ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified. Students receive 10 percent off the cost of all services. The price of an oil change is an agreeable \$24.99, and for an extra \$5 they'll throw in a tire rotation and inspection.

Besides having an awareness of the different auto care options in the area, students should possess some general knowledge about customer rights, shopping strategies and other matters that may arise during the auto care process. This is the subject of a press release from Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch. The following are some of the Attorney General's main tips for college drivers:

- If you haven't a clue where to find good auto care, just ask somebody. Call up your friends, relatives or other students to see if they have any recommendations or other helpful information.

- Shop around. Prices vary from place to place. Get estimates from several repair shops before settling on the best option.

- Know your rights. Under the Truth in Repairs Act, Min-

nesota drivers have a right to see a written cost estimate before authorizing any repairs on the vehicle and mechanics cannot perform any unauthorized repairs.

- Keep the invoice. You may want to see a list of repairs performed on your vehicle and the cost of each. You may also need the invoice for insurance or warranty purposes.

An oil change isn't a difficult procedure and many people avoid spending money and dealing with mechanics by simply doing it themselves. Everyone has at least one friend who knows their way around the underbody of a car, so if you'd rather not deal with auto shops for something as simple as an oil change, you could always have a friend show you how to perform one on your own. Just remember that after you drain the old oil, you need to put new oil in. But if you mess that up, maybe you shouldn't be driving.

Of course some auto repair needs aren't as simple as an oil change. Sometimes people clip deer, rear-end school buses or drive straight into Lake Superior with a head full of Grain Belt Premium. Aside from the legal troubles that may result from such mishaps, the auto repairs can be a real pain. Duluth is home not only to many lube specialists, but also to several collision centers. A listing of repair shops specializing in collisions can be found in any Twin Ports telephone directory.

While it may seem like just another hassle along with school, work and personal hygiene, caring properly for your automobile is not only important for ensuring the longevity of your car's life, but also for becoming a more responsible and independent person. Your elder family members will be proud that you took the initiative to maintain your automobile. But they'll still be a little miffed at you for never calling home anymore. So call them. They worry.

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Alabama State fears outbreak of AIDS

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HIV is a topic more openly discussed at Alabama's historically black colleges since a North Carolina study showed an increasing number of infections among black male students, but some question if enough is being done about it.

"I know it's here and it's not going to go away," said Mary Morris Billings, director of Alabama A&M University's counseling and development office in Huntsville. "My greatest fear is that there will be an outbreak on our campus like in North Carolina."

North Carolina started a method of detecting early infections in 2002 for everyone who voluntarily got tested at public clinics. The new approach led to the discovery over a four-year period of 84 newly infected male college students in the state, 73 of whom were black.

and has condoms available upon request. Both schools offer free, confidential HIV testing.

The AIDS Action Coalition in Huntsville has set up regular free testing dates around the 13 counties it serves, and some of those are at black colleges like Oakwood College in Huntsville and Alabama A&M University.

The state Department of Public Health's HIV and AIDS Division of Prevention and Control provides literature, condoms and test kits to community-based organizations in prevention education. But Blake Kersey, a sophomore at ASU, believes

the university can do more to address AIDS on campus.

"They could probably have somebody who is an AIDS patient come here and tell them that this is real life. This is not just something you see in movies or on TV or something your friends tell you about,"

"This is not just something you see in movies or on TV or something your friends tell you about."

-Blake Kersey, sophomore, Alabama State University

Kersey says.

It's not just black colleges that are affected, either. More than half of North Carolina's HIV cases among black male college students involved students at mainstream or predominantly white campuses.

Several student groups at Troy University have taken leadership roles in HIV and AIDS prevention awareness. The African-American Alliance and the university chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists have combined to bring in health professionals for screenings and education on the subject.

"In addition, our Student Health Center also provides individual counseling with students who have either been diagnosed with the disease or suspect they may be at risk of contracting the disease," Tom Davis of University Relations said.

March Crime Report

By ASHLEY HANNA
STAFF REPORTER

Three expensive chairs, stolen in February from the Kirby Lounge, mysteriously reappeared last month; however, theft continued to be an issue on campus during March.

The chairs, bought by the school for \$650 apiece, were taken from the student lounge in February, the *Statesman* reported March 3, and an award had been offered for information leading to the recovery of the chairs.

According to Kirby Director Neale Roth, a day after the article ran two of the chairs mysteriously appeared in a hallway in Griggs Hall. The third chair has also reappeared in the lounge.

UMD Police Lieutenant Anne Peterson said that no reward money has been given out and no suspects have been identified.

Roth was off-campus at the time of the recoveries, and his assistant Patrick Keenan was unavailable for comment.

While previous thefts were

being resolved, new thefts occurred. March saw the theft of a portable DVD player from the Sports and Health Center as well as the theft of a card containing campus Dining Dollars.

Two males were apprehended on March 17, for shoplifting from the Bookstore. An mp3 player was among the stolen items.

During a high school basketball game held on campus, three wallets and a total of \$57 were taken from players' belongings in the locker room.

Also, a laptop was stolen from ITSS, and a red reserve parking permit was reported missing.

Illegal substance abuse, namely that of alcohol and marijuana, also got students into trouble last month. Eight tickets were issued for underage alcohol consumption, and there were three incidents involving the confiscation of small amounts of marijuana and related paraphernalia.

In addition to the tickets issued by the UMD Police, the

Housing department issued violations to students consuming or in the presence of alcohol; however, according to Scott Sherin in Housing, the total number of these tickets is kept confidential until the end of the year.

Vandalism was another popular crime during March. A soap dispenser was ripped off the wall and a toilet paper dispenser smashed in the fourth floor bathroom of Griggs S.

Also, in Kirby Student Center, some metal signs were drilled into the wall.

"[The vandalism was] probably as some sort of gag or joke," said Peterson. No suspects were identified.

A variety of other incidents UMD Police responded to during March included several false fire alarms, reports of suspicious people in campus buildings and traffic incidents.

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AID: More money for students, less for banks

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"Congress should be helping the millions of students who struggle to pay for college," wrote McCollum in her press release. "This bill saves taxpayers millions of dollars and directs those savings to students and families, not corporate banks."

The Student Aid Reward Act was brought to the House of Representatives on March 17 in Congress' first session. The act specifies that every college involved will receive a Student Aid Reward Payment,

determined in advance, from the Federal savings put aside for said program.

The school must then distribute accordingly amongst students, first to those with Pell Grants. Students who need financial assistance to graduate are also eligible for the aid.

The amount of money given to a college to help students has to be more than 50 percent of the savings the federal government has made by the college's participation in the program.

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At the Powerwheels table with one of the creators of this project for the Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition, in which Marvin was also a competitor.

TECHFEST: Students and faculty show off improvements in technology

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computerized voice that reads anything on the screen.

"A student can scan the pages of their textbook and their textbooks are read to them," said Judy Broman. "They can control the speed of the reading voice, change

voices, stop, pause, take notes or re-read sections as they need to."

Senior Eric Larson was impressed with the Techfest. "I heard about it from friends and came to check it out -- I've never been here before," he said. "I like the stuff about the robot, that's pretty neat. It's really cool to see the application of different technologies."

Sophomore Laura Knauff agreed.

"It's not just about science and engineering here, these technologies apply to more than one area," said Knauff.

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"I think all of us believe in rewarding work, and Minnesotans believe in rewarding work," said Rep. Tom Rukavina, DFL-Virginia, the bill's prime sponsor, in an interview with the AP.

The AP reported that, "under Rukavina's bill, the increase would come in two stages. The wage would first jump to \$5.90 an hour this July 1, then up to \$6.65 a year after that."

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Thursday, April 7, 2005

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**"They build too low who
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- an inscription on a building in Washington D.C.

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UMD needs a stricter smoking policy

If someone wants to smoke, that's fine, they can kill themselves. The problem I have is when a smoker's "right" to smoke infringes on everyone else's "right" to breathe smoke-free air.

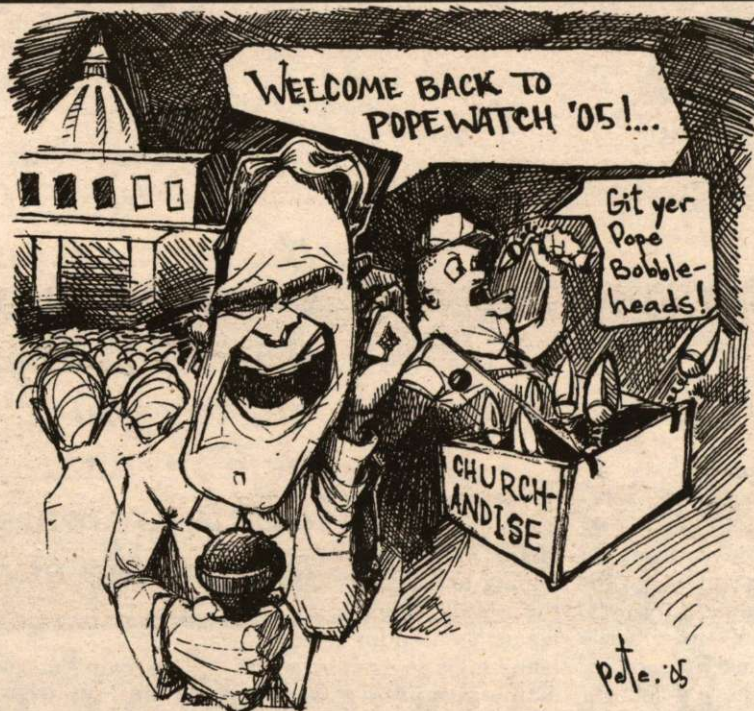
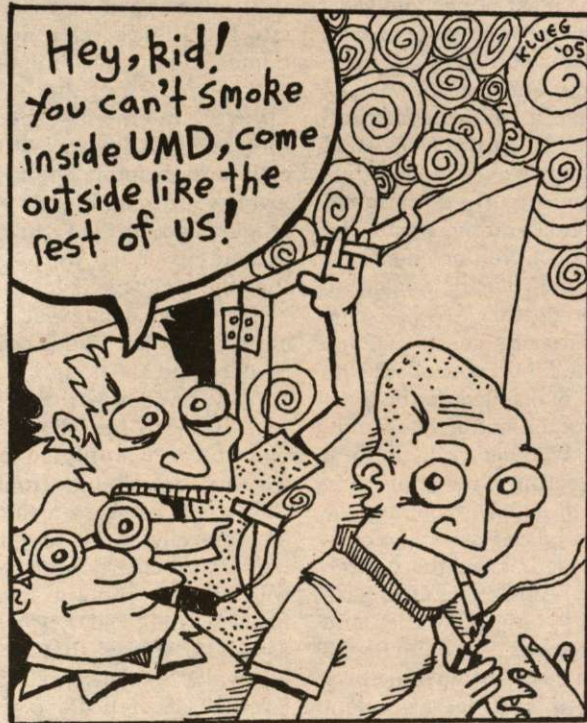
At UMD we all know we cannot smoke inside any of the buildings, but there is nothing stopping people from smoking directly outside of those buildings.

How nice it is to walk outside of school after a long day and breathe in a nice cloud of smoke. How about the two doorways that lead out onto a patio across from the Bookstore in the Kirby Student Center? Everyday, during main school hours, there are as many as 10 people outside smoking and when those people come inside, their cloud of smoke follows them. Not only does the cloud of smoke follow them inside the hallway but it also filters right into the offices and classrooms of Cina Hall.

I also wonder why, in Northern Minnesota in the middle of a 50-degree below zero winter, do people still need to go outside and smoke? Couldn't they give up smoking for just a little bit? Do they have that bad of a fix that they cannot wait until they get in their car and smoke?

I must give smokers a little credit though. During times of bitter cold they do get more creative. One night I walked past a man who was sitting in the entryway of one of the doors outside from the Bookstore. He actually was sitting there with his hand stuck out the door with a lit cigarette. Every 30 seconds he would stick his head outside the door and have a drag. The length this man was going just to have a smoke absolutely amazed me.

Earlier in the year the school proposed the idea to have smokers contaminate their lungs further from school buildings but the idea has gone nowhere. If it had, there wouldn't be people right outside any given door at UMD smoking. As much as smokers have a "right" to smoke, I have a larger right to breathe clean, smoke-free air.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

White males are overrepresented at UMD

My colleague and friend Yolande Jenny asks the question, "Do white men contribute to diversity?" and concludes that University policies and practices aimed at supporting women, gays, lesbians, racial, ethnic and other cultural minorities, but not (straight) white men, devalue and discriminate against the latter.

While of course white men contribute to our diverse community, Dr. Jenny fails to appreciate the obvious: namely, that the cultures and experiences of straight white men continue to be the implicit norm in Western societies, against which all "diversity" is measured. There is therefore no need for supportive programs aimed specifically at white men as a group, as all programs not specifically focused on other populations still, unfortunately, tend to assume straight white men's issues and needs to be universal.

The vast majority of courses at UMD and around the country, for example, include overwhelming material produced by, and reflecting the perspectives of, straight white men. Even in my own classes, and despite my efforts to showcase alternative perspectives, it is difficult if not impossible, at times, to give non-white male

perspectives their due, due to the institutional biases against such perspectives in the majority of "mainstream" journals and publishing companies (among other obstacles).

There is, I will concede, one class of supportive services for straight white men that I think is needed: programs aimed at supporting them to deal with the hurtful consequences of their collective (as opposed to individual) privilege -- including those that they themselves oftentimes bear (some of which Dr. Jenny correctly identifies).

As for the "underrepresented" nature of white men at UMD, Dr. Jenny conflicts minority status with underrepresentation. White men, like white women, are actually overrepresented at UMD, in the sense that they are present on campus in proportions significantly larger than their proportions in the general population of the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. And while it is true that there are slightly more women than men students at UMD, this simply reflects the fact that women slightly outnumber men in the general population.

Finally, Dr. Jenny raises the important issue of class. Due to public policies that have hit higher education hard, UMD, like most other "public" institutions these days, is increasingly the preserve of middle and upper-class white people. Poor and working class women and men are indeed underrepresented, and aside

from financial aid bureaucracies, there are no supportive services for them. I think Dr. Jenny and I would agree that there should be.

Larry Knopp
UMD Faculty Member

StatesMAN: names are arbitrary

A name change for the *Statesman*? Then we must begin to analyze all names of everything. Simply, names are arbitrary, pronounceable identifiers we attach to recognizable, even not understandable objects; though some identifiers are gender based, modern understanding or interpretation of the identifiers should be neutral.

When will the dysfunctional gender association of words and objects stop? When we begin to realize we need not feel inferior nor superior -- that we merely exist in a sea of physics and philosophy.

On a similar analysis, 'editor' has 'ed', short for 'Edward' which reminds me of Prince Edward sardines, which are pretty good. Some people, though, don't like sardines. And speaking of Prince, recall he once changed his name to an unpronounceable dual-gender symbol. That's how I view "Statesman", even though our minds try to interpret the juxtaposition of alphabetic characters into something pronounceable and recognizable. Scott Hollatz
ITSS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, GUEST COLUMNS

Letters to the editor in the UMD *Statesman* are to provide an open forum for readers. Letters must be typed, double-spaced and signed with the author's name, year in school, college and phone number for verification purposes. Letters sent over email must be signed and we may require verification in person. Non-students should include identifying information such as occupation or residency. Letters to the Editor should be brief and should not exceed 300 words. Letters exceeding 300 words may be published as a guest column. The deadline for letters is no later than Monday at 12 p.m. for Thursday publication. The UMD *Statesman* reserves the right to editor for clarity, length, obscenity and potentially libelous material. Letters are published on a first come first serve basis and become the property of the UMD *Statesman* and will not be returned. Opinions expressed in the UMD *Statesman* are not necessarily those of the student body, faculty, staff or the University of Minnesota. The UMD *Statesman* and the University of Minnesota are equal opportunity employers and educators.

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Success is not contingent on education



By UZAIR MUKADAM
STAFF WRITER

As I was going through the *Forbes* list of the Top 10 richest people in the world, I started to wonder what it must feel like to be there, at the top, and how people became so successful. What startled me is that few of these people were born with a golden spoon. In reality, it was quite the opposite; they were people who were born to families that by no means were financially well-off.

We were always brought up to believe that if we go to college and get a good job, we will be set for life. But practically none of these incredibly wealthy people have a college degree. The fact of the matter is that education does not necessarily equal wealth. True, it is very important in that it

makes you a more complete person, but what we learn in classrooms just does not guarantee success. If that were the case, then the richest people and most successful CEOs would be from the top business school in the world.

What these people have is an ingredient that is missing from most people: the ambition to achieve. And they are ready to pay a price for these ambitions. An average American who is graduating from college thinks of getting a good car, a mortgage on a house and working a job for the rest of his or her life, hoping to retire at the age of 65 with a savings account.

Many hope to spend their remaining few years of life trying to enjoy what they missed in their younger days. But for those on the *Forbes* Top 10, all we can do is look at their biog-

raphies and wonder how they achieved it all. Many people just admire these achievements and, at most, hope to one day work for one of these people. Seldom do you hear anybody saying truthfully that they want to be where these guys are.

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Because most of these self-made millionaires and billionaires start off with humble backgrounds, they likely never feel secure in their achievements; they always want to

further excel and take it to the next level. An excerpt from the biography of the third richest man in the world, the Indian-born British steel baron Laxmi Mittal, said he used to study under the street lights at night and that every step of his journey in making his empire, as we know it today, was difficult. Just by hanging in there and being street smart, he created an empire.

So why is it that we give up battles in our every day life that are just temporary? Is it really that hard to get up at 8 a.m. for that first class? I would be the first one to say that it is, but the fact is that those are battles we need to fight with ourselves. The more you hate those classes, the harder it becomes to do

well in them. Just deal and get them over with. I think we are lucky to be in a country that is so full of opportunities and has success almost guaranteed, assuming we are ready to pay the price.

If we discipline ourselves and set our goals intelligently, there can be nothing that can keep us from reaching them. There is a system in place to give us a good education, but it does not guarantee success. Success has to be earned by getting into the trenches and doing the work. Most of us get so daunted by the seemingly Herculean effort required to complete a difficult task that we end up convincing ourselves we are never going to achieve it. True, many of us are realistic in the difficulties we face, but too many create problems that may not actually exist. This is the difference between those who have yet to succeed and those on the *Forbes* list, and that's why they are where they are.

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Let Schiavo's family mourn

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF WRITER

On March 31, Terri Schiavo passed away after 13 days with no food or water. Her death left the world pondering the importance of living wills and wondering what Terri's true wishes had been. Regardless of which choice one would have made in the court's place, the sad fact is that Schiavo will not be remembered for the life she lived, but for the tragic end of her life that the whole world watched on the nightly news.

For 15 years, Terri Schiavo was kept alive on a feeding tube, surviving in what most would describe as a "vegetative state." It can be argued that she had minimal consciousness, but Schiavo was unable to care for herself and required constant care, not to mention the fact that her condition would never improve. Schiavo had suffered battles with bulimia and anorexia nervosa, diseases thought to be connected to cardiac arrest, which was the cause of her severe brain damage. The point is not about what should have or could have been done to save her, or what heroic measures might have prevented her death. Clearly, Schiavo was not recovering and would never be able to go back to the life she led prior to February 25, 1990.

The American media, as well as media worldwide, concentrated on this case far more than was appropriate. We have a certain fascination with deaths of all types, this being no exception. Yes, the lesson everyone learned from Schiavo's situation was valuable, but exactly how far is too far? How many news specials need to be aired to get the message and a full range of opinions across to the audience? How many statements did the grief stricken Schindlers, and Michael Schiavo, need to give before the media left them alone?

Unfortunately, it took a case like this, a case so severe, to get people thinking about what their last wishes would be. One woman's suffering should not have been the catalyst. There are cases like Schiavo's all the time, all around the world, and hers happened to be the one that, for some reason or another, got all the attention. I can only hope that the media will finally have the decency to respect her family during their time of mourning.

The autopsy of Schiavo's body has not yet been released, but do the results really matter? She may have been in a persistent vegetative state or she may have had minimal conscious-

ness, but the fact of the matter is that there is little, likely nothing, that could have been done to reverse her brain damage. The issue remains, however, why doctors kept her alive for 15 years in a vegetative state. It was evident after only a few years that nothing could really be done for her. So why, exactly, are people so up in arms over this?

Schiavo's feeding tube had been pulled twice before the third and final time; both times the decision was appealed by her parents and the tube was reinserted. This only encouraged the media to surround her case. Her family believed that she had a chance of recovery and refused to believe it when doctors shared doubts. What person would want their family to have to agonize over them for so long? I can't imagine that Schiavo would have planned for her life to conclude in the manner that it did or would have chosen to prolong her family's suffering. Letting her go a decade ago hopefully would have given her family ample grieving time and kept what should have been a quiet, dignified passing out of the scrutiny of the public eye.

It is difficult to truly understand this matter without firsthand experience. Death is rarely an easy topic to approach, and it is absolutely horrific to imagine the pain that Terri Schiavo's family has endured over the years. The choice to let a loved one go is truly unimaginable for those who have not lived through it. But what good did it do to keep her in that hospice for 15 years, utterly dependent on machines?

The vibrant woman who Schiavo was, the woman that the American public can never know, died 15 years ago. Her family was left with a body that somewhat functioned like that of a living person, which was just enough to give them strands of hope to grasp. America, as well as the world, has learned a vital lesson about the importance of living wills. But, as we all know, everyone has rights and freedoms, including the right to die with dignity. In that situation, the choice to extend life becomes a debate of ideology, nothing more. Regardless of the decision, the person that was once alive will likely never come back, and it would be beneficial to all to just let go and begin moving on. Knowing that Terri Schiavo is resting peacefully, the attention of the world now turns from her death to the pending autopsy results. After the information is released, perhaps her family will be able to grieve in privacy, as it should have been from the beginning.

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Catholic Church has opportunity to change

By JP LEIDER
OPINION EDITOR

Religion and politics are often and easily compared. Just as many who have specific political views often differ from the ideology of their party of choice, many religious (or even non-religious) folk have some problems with the religion they follow. For Catholics, dissension among their ranks is probably the most public and vocal in recent memory, if not history. Yes, the Spanish Inquisition did occur and yes, the Vatican did have a platform of non-involvement in the Holocaust. But when was the last time so many openly questioned the morals and motives of the Catholic Church or its clergy? Clearly, the Vatican has come to a turning point.

The recent death of Pope John Paul II brings not only the lessons of his life into the limelight, but the sins of the church, as well. Whether it is in the form of protecting child molesting priests or simply remaining too rigid on basic issues like birth control, it is clear the church has not been perfect during his tenure. Many obituaries and articles about Pope John Paul II say that he promoted something similar to "back to basics conservatism." How appropriate is that in a time when over-population and underdevelopment leads to starvation in so many countries? How appropriate is basic conservatism when the world faces the pandemic that is AIDS? And what of gender equality?

Being progressive does not mean the Vatican must adopt "liberal" views. They don't have to promote same-sex marriage

if it's against their belief structure, though acknowledgment of a person's right to be loved would be nice. Sure, many churches are becoming more lenient on divorce, but that doesn't necessarily mean they are moving in the right, "progressive," direction.

An argument of biblical law is likely pertinent, but truly unnecessary to the immediate future. There is no reason to cite the Bible's references to homosexuality or even misuse and misrepresent the "eye for an eye" statement. The bottom line is that the Church claims to promote the idea of loving your neighbor, as many religions do, but is so involved in and enveloped by scandal, that the message is lost.

Hypocrisy does exist in the church, but how did it become so accepted? Though it may simply have been the final (and cruelest) April Fool's joke played on Pope John Paul II, why was there no outcry when the Pope's advisors artificially kept him alive even though God had pretty clearly indicated it was his time (in the form of heart failure)? Did they believe, as Meat Loaf does, that "heaven can wait?" If clergy will not allow the likes of the Pope to pass naturally, what chance do we mere mortals have?

Though the U.S. Catholic Church is moving ever more away from the Vatican, or so it seems, American Catholics don't have to settle for only partial progression of ideology. Just as with politics, only when those in power are convinced of the realities of the world can a positive change truly occur.

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Random Genius: Movie Trivia Returns!

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Salutations, Terry

Necessary advice for everyday living

Dear Terry,

I'm so frickin' sick of everyone being so politically correct! You can't crack a joke nowadays without making someone cry. What happened to the days when hurting someone else's feelings was an accepted way of making yourself feel better? Help me, Terry. I can't stand this!

Politically Incorrect

Dear PI,

Man oh man, I feel your pain. Everyday I see good, hard-working folks like us get pushed into the realm of normality by closed-minded S.O.B's -- the people out there who refuse to see the humor in the generalities and simple, everyday things that make us who we are.

Telling a joke about white people's inability to dance isn't "racist." Most white people look like they've ingested some muscle-relaxants before they hit the dance floor.

The point here is that there is a boundary between funny and offensive that has pushed me to the brink. For us people who choose to remain on the funny side, we have very little to work with nowadays. Some honest, well-intentioned, very funny people have been censored because they cross that gray line.

Among friends, it's fun to make jokes that go for "shock value" -- jokes that are only funny because they're the most insulting, insensitive thing you could say at that moment. For the most part, those jokes are the funniest! Look at George Carlin and Richard Pryor: they're funny because they say what scared people won't. When they do it on a stage, it's acceptable, but when people like us make similar jokes in different settings we are "racist," "sexist" and "homophobic."

I say screw it all. Especially screw the two out of 10 people that have nothing better to do

than make a stink about some stupid jokes.

It's time to screw political correctness. Screw it with a big Mexican, smelly, Islamic, white, black, gay, Jewish, ugly, transsexual screw.

Was God politically correct when he said, "Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife?" Who says a woman won't covet her neighbor's husband?

We can't fight this battle alone, PI. We need everyone to help. If you want to join the battle, contacting me is easy: the next time you're on a sinking ship, I'll be the guy running with a handful of life preservers screaming, "Screw the women and children. All men who want to live, follow me!"

Salutations,
Terry

E-mail me if you want to live. This could be the beginning of a beautiful e-mail. My name is Terry. You killed my father. Prepare to e-mail me. salutations_terry@yahoo.com.



TOP TWELVE THINGS ON JOHN STAMOS' "TO DO" LIST FOR TODAY

By Kevin Semlak

12. Scold Latin housemaid for forgetting to buy more Fruit Rollups
11. Pick up fresh tub of hummus
10. Eat lunch with Lorenzo Lamas
9. Acquire talent
8. Buy new cowboy boots
7. Relive the glory days of touring with The Beach Boys
6. Wonder where it all went wrong
5. Ding Dong Ditch Saget's place
4. Buy more hair grease
3. Buy tighter pants
2. Stalk ex-wife
1. Pick up new zebra-print vest

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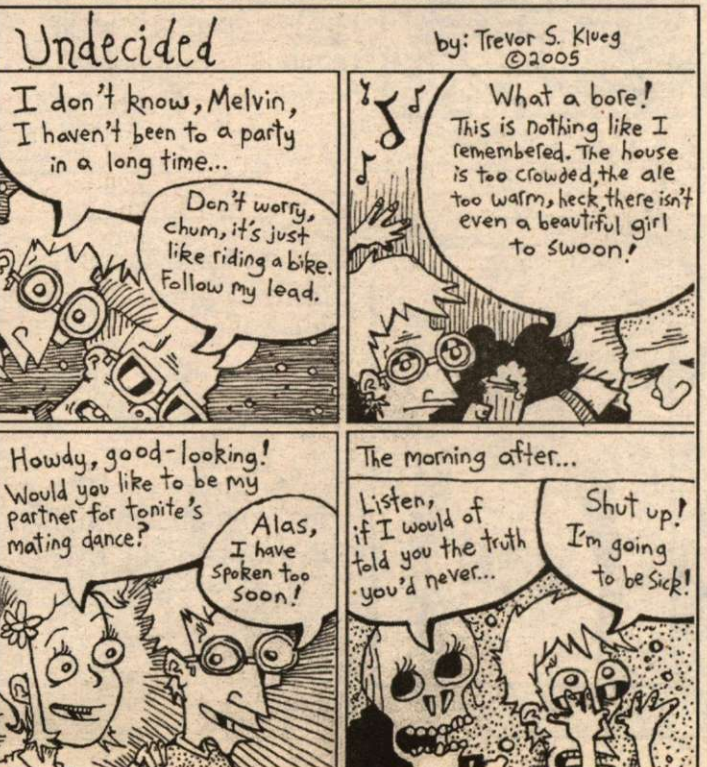
MITCH HEDBERG (1968 - 2005)

For those of you familiar with Mitch Hedberg, you understand why his death is worth mentioning.

The Minnesota-born comedian recorded one of his few CDs at the Acme Comedy Club in downtown Minneapolis, but his fans extend beyond the Twin Cities. Hedberg, who appeared in movies like "Almost Famous" and was a frequent guest on David Letterman, was making his way up in the comedy world. His random jokes about everyday observations attracted young audiences across the country and many colleges had Hedberg booked for the coming months.

Hedberg died of a heart attack on March 30.
Anyone with a sense of humor will miss him.

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[Thefacebook]

umd students' newest addiction

By RACHEL SKELTON
STAFF REPORTER

The new online craze, Thefacebook, has been sweeping the collegiate world, garnering both positive and negative responses from UMD students.

While it is difficult to define precisely what Thefacebook is, this Web site is a free and easy way to connect to students from UMD and a multitude of other colleges and universities across the nation.

It consists of tons of fun features to entertain college students and distract them from their studies.

Thefacebook allows the user to create a profile, upload a picture, search for people from UMD, their high schools and beyond, find out who's in their classes and add friends.

Other features include poking, which delivers a poke message to a friend when they login, posting comments and messages on friends' "walls" and creating and joining groups.

The groups on Thefacebook often focus on interests, popular culture, inside jokes or political opinions. Each group has a separate message board that allow members to post comments about the group's central theme.

A few of the hundreds of groups featured on the Web site include: "Snood!," "Drunk Dialers Anonymous (Duluth Chapter)," "I Remember the Halloween Blizzard of '91," "Advocates of the Nap," "Air Guitar May Be Many Things, But Over Is Not One Of Them"

and "I gotta have more cowbell, baby," a group devoted to the April 8, 2000, episode of SNL that featured Will Ferrell and Christopher Walken.

Hundreds of UMD students are registered at Thefacebook, many of whom can be referred to as diehard facebook fans who cannot get enough of the site.

"I guess you could say I'm sort of addicted," said junior Sarah Leach. "I check my facebook profile even before I check my e-mail in the morning."

Leach is a member of several groups, including "Jessica Simpson Rocks My World!!!," "Girls Named Sarah and the Men Who Love Us" and "People Who Grew Up in Small Towns in Wisconsin."

"My favorite thing about Thefacebook is seeing some of the crazy pictures people put in their profiles," said junior Kristin Wallin, a member of groups such as "Fall Out Boy Enthusiasts," "Duluth is a Cool City" and "Life is Too Short For Drama!"

Some of the pictures are definitely crazy. Everything from cartoons to celebrities to hilarious drunken party pictures can be found on facebook profiles.

Wallin belongs to numerous groups and even runs three groups of her own, including one called "UMD Greeks!" She also had creative input in the development of a group entitled "DC Employees and the People Who Love Us."

Wallin loves to send messages, poke friends and post messages on people's walls. However, she does

not consider herself to be obsessed with Thefacebook.

"It doesn't usually keep me from getting my work done," Wallin said.

Another great aspect of Thefacebook is being able to search for people from your high school.

"I think it's cool that I can locate people who I graduated with," said sophomore Victoria Steadman. "It's fun to look at their pictures and see where they go to school now."

Freshman Neil Derosa appreciates the fact that users can find people with common interests by joining the vast assortment of groups, such as "24 Lovers."

"It's just a great way to be able to connect to so many different people," said sophomore Brian Lederer. "Especially people you haven't talked to in a long time."

Junior Dan Billings enjoys Thefacebook for its convenience.

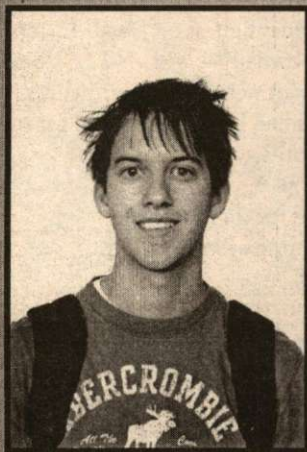
"It's easy to add friends, be added to a group and see when people update their profile," said Billings, who belongs to the group called "Cool People Named Dan."

Thefacebook sends out e-mails to alert users when they have been invited to a group, added as a friend or had their wall written on.

UMD sophomore Christie Beseth has only been a member of Thefacebook for a little over a week, but

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Why are you obsessed with Thefacebook?



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Name: Ryan Bastle
Member since: Feb. 2005
Year: 2008
Concentration: Psychology

"Someone made the profile for me because they wanted me to join. I like it because you can see people from high school you haven't seen in a while. Also, it reminds you about your friend's birthdays."



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Name: Lisa Apelt
Member since: Fall of 2004
Year: 2008
Concentration: Sociology

"My friends were all doing it, so I joined, too. I like to look through people's profiles and find out things about people."



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Name: Ashley Loose
Member since: March 2005
Year: 2008
Concentration: Health and Physical Education

"I like it because you can find all your old friends from high school. My favorite group that I belong to on Thefacebook is 'Procrastinators United.'"



TONY MARQUARDT/PHOTO EDITOR

Name: Nick Jensen
Member since: Fall of 2004
Year: 2008
Concentration: Mechanical Engineering

"I'm a member of the 'Anchorman' group. I joined because my friends told me to and I like that you can catch people you haven't seen in a while and see what they're doing."

'Forever Plaid' offers a taste of the '50s

UMD alumni help perform and produce musical comedy show

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Two University of Minnesota Duluth alumni will be performing in the musical comedy "Forever Plaid" at Bennett's Dinner Theatre in the Fitger's Brewery Complex this month.

The show debuted last Saturday and will continue with showings every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through May 1.

"Forever Plaid" is a show that everyone should see at least once," said Peggy White,

the show's producer, in a phone interview. "It's a real touchstone in musical theatre and it's a lot of fun."

Peggy and her husband Tim have presented three shows every year for the past 12 years, according to Peggy.

Past shows have included musicals, comedies and mysteries, such as "Beehive" and their self-written "Ole and Lena's Wedding," which they have performed over 50 times.

This year they have chosen "Forever Plaid," the story of

four musicians with very different personalities.

"The premise is that these four guys were part of a harmony group from the very early '50s, before rock and roll," said Peggy. "They were

driving to their very first gig and they were hit by a bus and killed instantly. But somehow, through a hole in the ozone layer, they were allowed to come back and do the concert that they were going to do that

night. So the audience is there to see their last concert."

"Plaid" is a play that has been shown in "tourist areas" for years, according to Peggy, who is producing the show for

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Smudge (Dan Hoffman), Sparky (Tim White), Frankie (Jake Zimmerman) and Jinx (Trevor Sorenson) make up the '50s comedic singing group "Forever Plaid."

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Annual Drag Show draws big crowds

ANN PERKINS
STAFF REPORTER

Local drag queens and kings dressed in high fashion hit the stage in the 2005

Spring Queer Students Union (QSU) Drag Show in the Kirby Ballroom last Saturday. Three hundred fifty people packed the room for a night

of club-style dancing, lip-synching performances ranging from Christina Aguilera to John Denver and the comedy of the hilarious MC, "Tangerine

Dream," a UMD alumnus.

Besides providing lively entertainment, she briefly discussed some serious current issues affecting the gay community.

"I think that it's definitely important to the QSU so that we can get our name out there," said Katie Baxter, the QSU's program coordinator. "And [it's] also a fun event even though they aren't really learning a lot about the issues. It offers people somewhat of an opportunity to hear from us."

Queens dressed in gowns, short skirts, fish nets, four inch heels, vibrant eye shadow and wigs, and Kings dressed in zoot suits, baggy pants, oversized athletic jerseys and artificial facial hair, danced on a runway under the illumination of a disco ball, mouthing the lyrics to the fresh tracks of a live disc jockey.

The show began with a spoof of the Madonna, Britney and Christina performance of "Like a Virgin" at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards.

In between acts, colorful commentary and some serious issues were delivered by the hilarious Tangerine Dream, otherwise known as Luther Christensen.

In addition to being the show's MC, Tangerine performed, "Love Me" by No

Doubt and "Barbie Girl" by Aqua. Her outfit for "Barbie Girl" was dazzling. She wore a floor-length fuchsia sequined dress, white gloves and a long platinum wig.

Tangerine's stories had the audience rolling on the floor in laughter. She told one story about having Easter with her Midwest family in Pine County, Minn., where they dined on traditional fare -- a turkey won at the VFW Turkey Bingo and wild rice whipped cream salad.

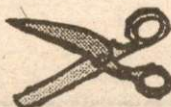
Another story she told was about a recent Spring Break trip to Texas to see Grandma, a former nurse, when she found out Grandma is very comfortable with exposing herself.

In addition to personal stories, Tangerine brought up some serious issues, which she discussed in a light-hearted, but influential manner. Issues included the communication relationship between heterosexuals and homosexuals, the importance of using condoms and the controversy surrounding gay marriage.

She talked about young people's careless use of the word gay, for example saying that an English paper was gay.

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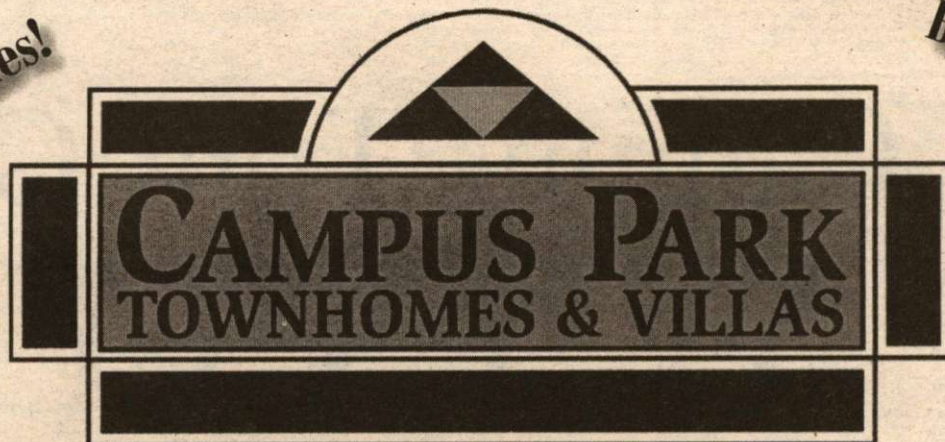
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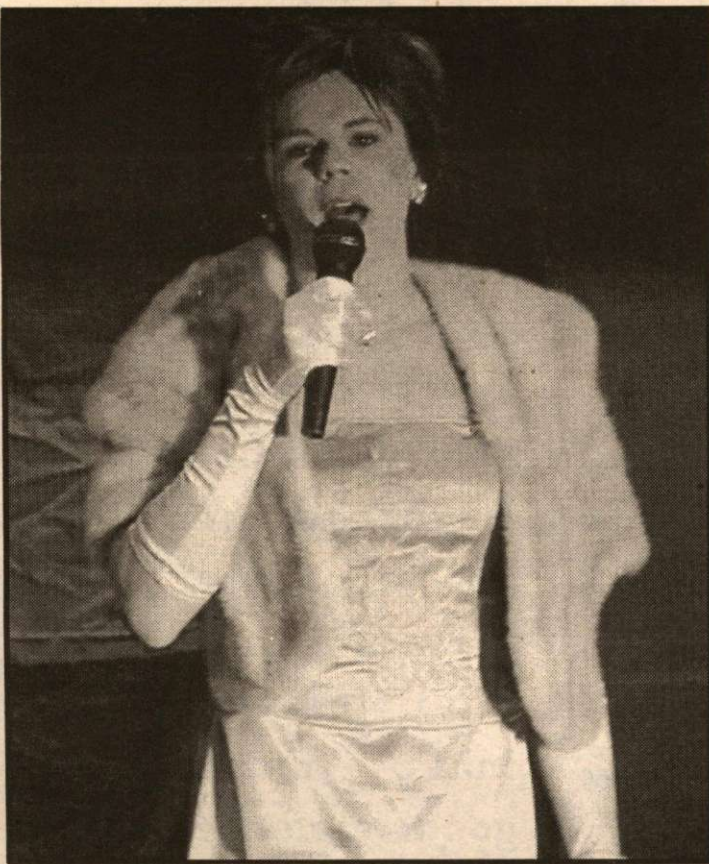
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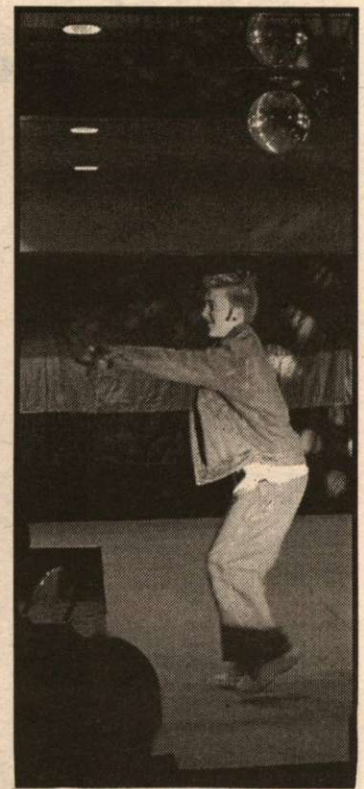
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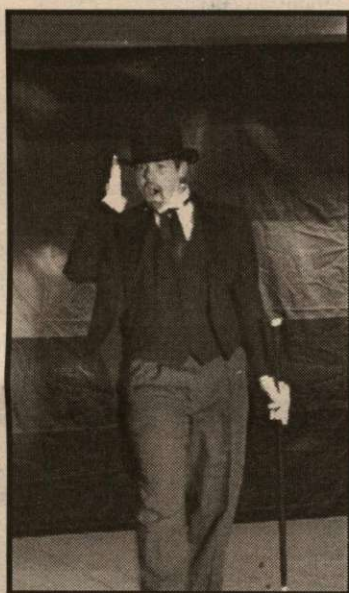


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DRAG SHOW PERFORMERS



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(Top) "Tangerine Dream," (Left) "Goldie Cochs" and (Right) "Jaxen" entertained the enthusiastic crowd at the UMD Drag Show. It has been rumored that Tangerine Dream, the popular MC, performed in her last show at UMD this weekend.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

The crowd enjoyed rousing renditions of "Rock Your Body," "You and I Both" and "Touch of My Hand" by performers (Top) "Dante DiFranco," (Top Left) "Riley Owens" and (Bottom Left) "Darokka" respectively.

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'City' has style, lacks morals and decency

Dark humor, flashiness sure to please the film's intended audience

By MIKE DUBEROWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

My high school English teacher used to joke that there are three qualities that make a movie good: violence, nudity and explosions.

People with such criteria are very likely to praise "Sin City," the extremely gruesome but stylish adaptation of three Frank Miller comic strips. This film has plenty of all three.

Others, however, may prefer something that is a little less insulting to human nature.

"Sin City" (short for Basin City) is an appropriate nickname for Frank Miller's dark,

metropolitan background.

It's an area where morals are not accepted. Cops are the criminals, females are destined to become hookers and good guys get locked up - if they're lucky.

Most films with such amoral attitudes would be deemed as sexist, perverse, offensive and even dangerous.

But the thing that sets "Sin City" apart from "most films" is its flashy style and dark humor that

is certain to please intended audiences for two hours and six minutes.

Shot with breathtaking black and white cinematography, the movie's look presents an attitude that gives the film its best juice and rightfully resembles the comic books on which it's based.

The opening scene, in which the salesman (Josh Hartnett) approaches an attractive dame (Marley Shelton) in a stunning

red dress, feels like a high-class cigarette commercial.

The style continues through the film's opening credits, which somewhat resemble that of "Spider-Man 2."

But as the film progresses, the once-appreciated style becomes somewhat tiresome and repetitive. And al-

though "Sin City" has three individual stories, there is little narrative for it to fall back on.

The main story revolves around Marv (Mickey Rourke), a nearly unkillable anti-hero, who is seeking revenge for the death of a prostitute that he once loved.

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and Fabulous (PG-13)
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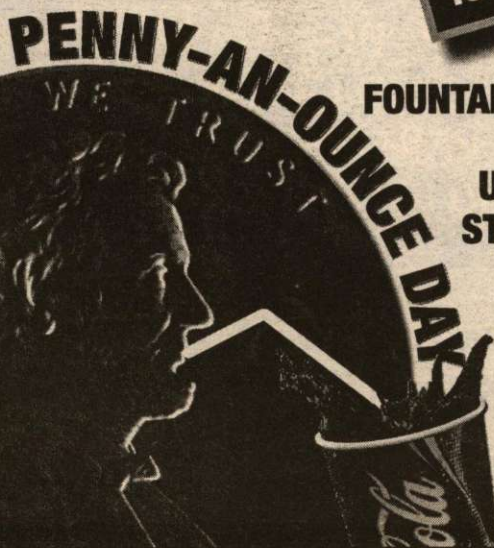


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MOVIE:
Visual effects
make film's
often tasteless
plot tolerable

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The murderer, simply named Kevin (Elijah Wood), is as sly as a fox and has cat-like claws. That is, until he is gruesomely chopped to pieces by Marv.

A second story surrounds the life of Dwight (Clive Owen), an ex-photographer who gets caught up in the murder of a police officer (Benicio Del Toro), which is certain to lead to war if it is not covered up.

In order to keep peace between the cop and prostitute worlds, Dwight attempts to hide the cop's body - and detached head.

The third and final story revolves around ex-police officer, John Hartigan (Bruce Willis), who gets locked up for a crime he never committed.

He's in love with a 19-year-old stripper, Nancy (Jessica Alba), who sends him letters every week.

Eventually, Hartigan gets released from prison and begins to search for Nancy only to be followed by the

smelly and awkwardly colored Yellow Bastard (Nick Stahl), who looks like a misplaced "Star Trek" character.

Another problem with "Sin City" is that the stories never come together. Some people may appreciate the fact that they receive three stories for the price of one, but I would rather see one good story than a handful of bad, any day.

But, despite three somewhat spineless stories, "Sin City" never becomes boring. Fans of comic book adaptations should be able to appreciate the film for its artful glaze. Fans of violence and dark humor will likely find themselves in movie heaven.

But what exactly does it say about you when you're idea of heaven is entitled "Sin City?"

As for me, I'm proud to be somewhat disappointed with the film's lack of moral values and its grotesque humor.

Grade: B-

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PLAID: Audiences can enjoy music and a meal

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the second time in her theatrical career.

"Forever Plaid' is unique," said Peggy. "We did it down at the Dinner Theatre nine years ago and we've just always had it in our minds to do it one more time because people just kept asking for it."

It could also be considered unique because nearly everyone involved has connections to Duluth.

Tim White, the show's director and co-star, graduated from UMD with a degree in math education. Peggy also graduated from

UMD. Jake Zimmerman, who plays the role of team leader, Frankie, attended UMD and needs just a few more credits before he receives a degree in Computer Web Technology, according to Peggy.

"He's sung with choirs of various kinds his entire life," said Peggy. "We needed people who could hear harmonies and obviously people with really good voices. So we got him."

The production also stars two former University of Wisconsin-Superior students: Dan Hoffman and Trevor Sorenson.

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WHEN: Fri. - Sat. 6:30 p.m. (dinner), 8 p.m. (show)
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WHERE: Bennett's Dinner Theatre

TICKETS: \$40 (dinner), \$28 (brunch), \$15 (show only)

INFORMATION: Tickets can be purchased at 722-2829 or 525-2045 for show only tickets

Peggy said she hopes that the Duluth connections will attract audience members.

"Any time that we have people that have connections somewhere, it does make a difference," said Peggy. "I know that we get not just UMD students but also alumni that come, because we're connected to UMD."

According to Peggy, audience members range from college students to people in their 60s.

"The younger folks come because they want to hear a great four-part harmony and a comedy that anyone can

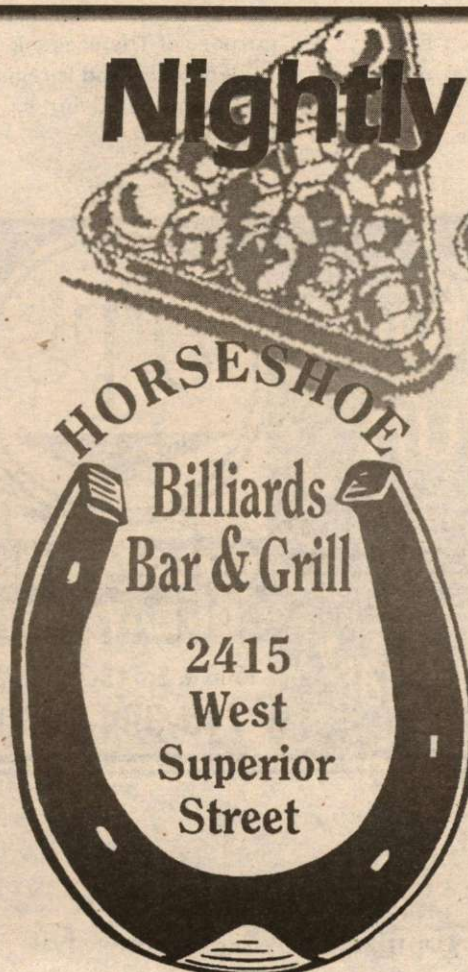
relate to and they're watching young guys up there sing," said Peggy. "The older folks come because they remember the music."

Show-only tickets cost \$15 with shows starting at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2

p.m. on Sunday. The dinner and show costs \$40 on Friday and Saturday and \$28 on Sunday. Dinner seating begins an hour and a half before the show.

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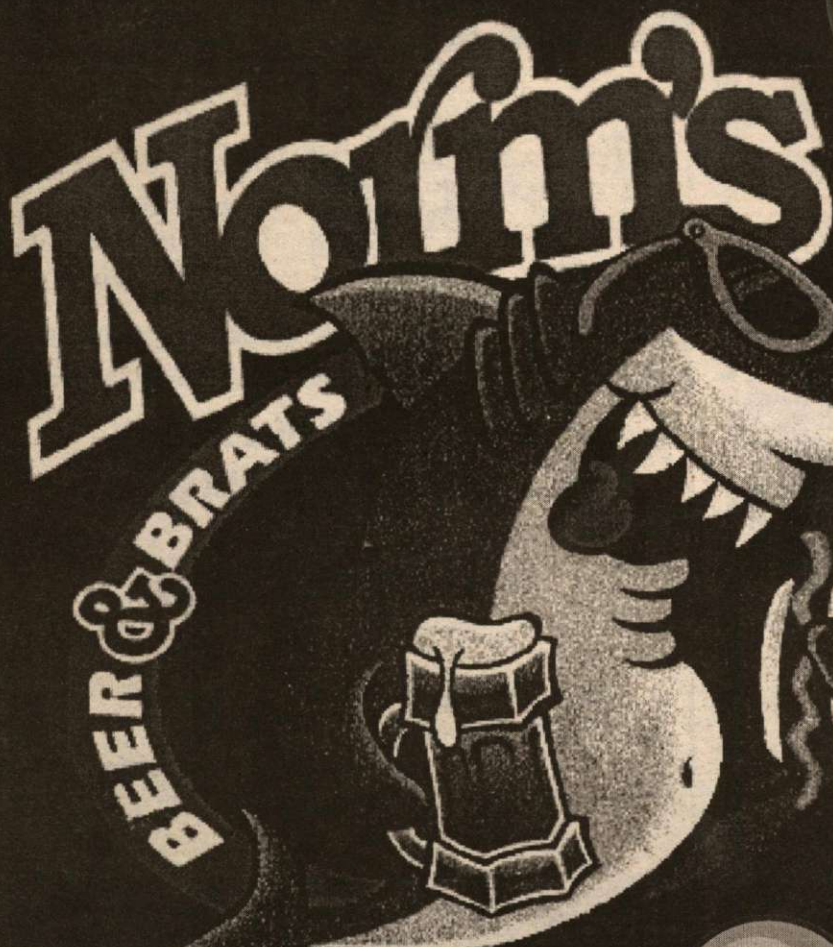
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FACEBOOK: The popular Web site doesn't impress all stu- dents

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she's already hooked -- and has mixed feelings about it.

"I love and hate Thefacebook," said Beseth, who belongs to many groups including "The OC Fan Club." "I love it because you can find anybody you want on it and see their interests. It's a great site for someone with a lot of time. At the same time, I hate it because I find myself spending way too much time on it."

There are also those who

would rather not comment. For some, Thefacebook is a guilty pleasure. Several UMD students admitted to being completely obsessed with it, so much that they often neglect their homework and roommates.

On the other hand, there are also those who question the purpose of Thefacebook.

Jen Soderlund is registered on Thefacebook, but is not a fan.

"It's actually pretty dumb," said Soderlund. "I don't see the whole point of it. I only joined because my roommates gave me crap for not being on it. Now I wonder: 'why would you want to?'"

Many other UMD students questioned did not understand the popularity of Thefacebook.

"I'm not exactly sure what it is or anything about it," said Jenna Baumann.

Ginny Schollmeier, who is not registered at Thefacebook, insists she never will be.

"I'm not interested. It's not my thing," said Schollmeier.

With all the enticing features and options found at Thefacebook, it is easy to see why being a member may be a

fun way to pass the time.

However, others argue that the site is a complete waste and serves no real purpose. Whether you love it, loathe it or really couldn't care less, the future of Thefacebook looks promising as it becomes connected to more and more colleges and universities, which should make for even more facebook fun.

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DRAG SHOW: Student protes- tors interrupted the evening

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"That's so gay; that your English paper is attracted to an English paper of the same gender," she said.

She discussed the use of the public's comfort level in talking about gays and how she believes it is worse that some people refuse to talk about them altogether.

"Talk about us," she said. "I like being talked about."

In an interview after the show, Christensen said his humorous stories were all true and not previously rehearsed.

"It is true stuff, I didn't make it up," he said. "I just think of stuff I recently told my friends."

Christensen said he feels like drag shows provide an opportunity to inform the community on issues affecting the gay community.

"I think a drag show is a wonderful tool to reach people with a lot of information," he said. "The important thing isn't that I make them laugh, I want to make them aware of social issues in their own community. I want them to walk away and say, 'whoa

she really made me think about something."

"I think it is important because we are presenting information to people who may not be as acutely aware of these issues," Christensen said. "We see things like HIV to be an issue in Africa and gay marriage to be an issue in New York. But they are also important issues here."

Not only are drag shows a good medium for informing people about current issues affecting the gay community, but they also empower women, Christensen said.

"Portraying a woman and showing a woman that you can be really powerful and assertive, roles that are typically male roles, is important to women," he said. "When you dress up like a woman to behave that way, I think it can be empowering for yourself and also I hope for women."

Christensen graduated from UMD with a B.S. in Psychology and a M.A. in Social Work and now works as a case resource manager and prevention specialist at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in Superior.

He has been the MC for the drag show for four years. UMD's 2001 performance was his first drag show. He also performs at local bars and the UWS drag show. He began as the UMD MC because he said everyone else was afraid to host the show, which has had audiences of hundreds of people.

Rumors were circulating that this may have been Christensen's last show at UMD. The question on everyone's mind was if Tangerine Dream will return to the show next year.

"That is for them to decide," he said, with a chuckle.

Two students, who said they were opposed to the event, were sitting outside the Ballroom reading silently from Bibles before the show started.

"We don't agree with what is going on in there," said Kyle

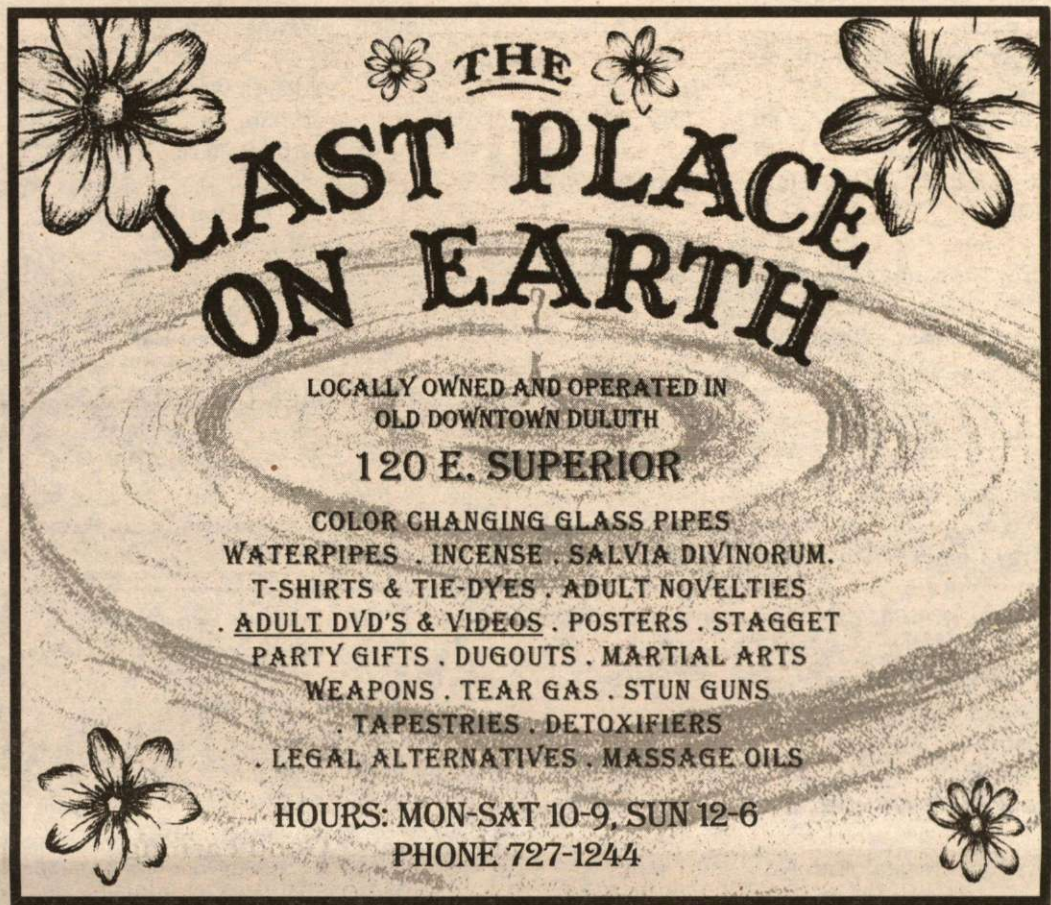
Raney. "We do not want to judge them. We are reading our Bibles and praying because we want them to know that there are people, even though we disagree with them, we still care for them."

"My reaction to it was just kind of a sigh of frustration," Baxter said. "It gets kind of tiring to turn around and be told that who I am is wrong. Who I am, how I love and how I act is not hurting anyone around me. I don't feel like I need to be saved from anything. I don't

think I am doing anything wrong."

The police officer who was on duty for the show asked the students to move away from the front doors and down the hall where they were seen reading after the show ended.

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Tobin Stanley
Assistant Professor of Foreign
Languages and Literature
12 p.m.
Library 4th Floor Rotunda

"The World Uncovered: One
Night in Bhopal"
Human Rights Week Film
Festival
4 - 6 p.m.
Kirby Student Center 273

Recital: Adriana Ransom,
cello
7:30 p.m.
Weber Music Hall

Free Games Night
10 p.m.
Kirby Games Room

Friday, 4.8.05

"Senorita Extraviada"
Human Rights Week Film
Festival
2 - 4 p.m.
Kirby Student Center 273

Graduate Recital: Carolyn
Rynex, soprano

7:30 p.m.
Weber Music Hall

Saturday, 4.9.05

Twin Cities Gay Men's
Chorus
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3 p.m.
\$20
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UMD Art Student's Exhibition
Opening Reception
6 - 9 p.m.
Tweed Museum of Art

Sunday, 4.10.05

French Trip Benefit Concert:
Talent Showcase
UMD Choirs
3 p.m.
\$10
Weber Music Hall

Monday, 4.11.05

Mayor Herb Bergson
"What's going on in Duluth?"
Presented by the Urban
Studies Program
12 p.m.
Kirby Student Center 333

Lorna Tychostup
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"The War You Don't See on
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7 p.m.
Kirby Rafters

Tuesday, 4.12.05

Guest Artist Concert: SO
Percussion
7:30 p.m.
\$10/\$8/\$5
Weber Music Hall

Grocery Bingo
10 p.m.
Kirby Lounge

Wednesday, 4.13.05

9 Paces West
10 p.m.
Kirby Rafters

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Concert
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"Forever Plaid's '50s Musical
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Fri. - Sat. 6:30 p.m. (dinner),
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Bennett's Dinner Theatre
Fitger's Brewery Complex
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Spiritualities of Peace
Conference
(Through 4.9)
Fri. - 7:30 p.m.
Sat. - 8 p.m.
Mitchell Auditorium
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Life and Live Animals
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The Tap Room
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Sunday, 4.10.05

"Forever Plaid's '50s Musical
Comedy"
12:30 p.m. (brunch)
2 p.m. (show)
\$28
Bennett's Dinner Theatre
Fitger's Brewery Complex
600 E. Superior St. 722-2829

Monday, 4.11.05

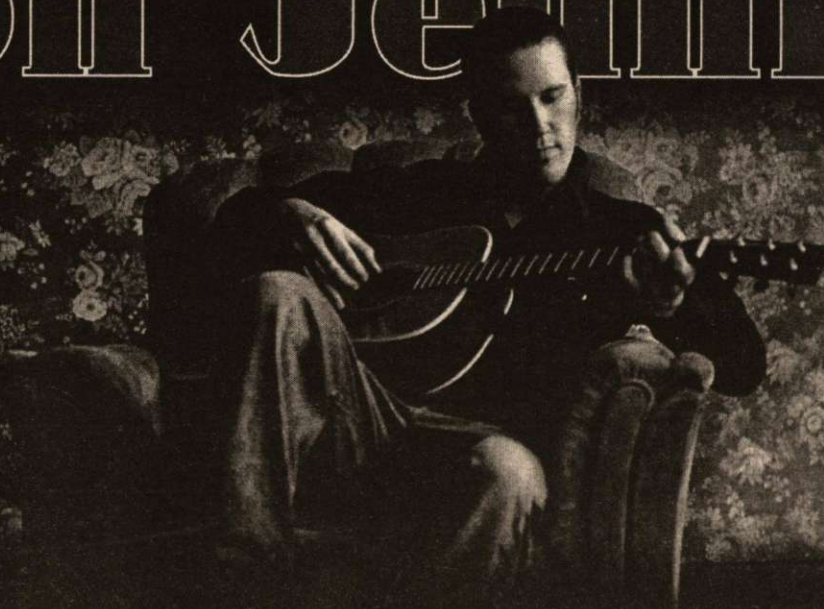
Coffeehouse Performance:
Blu Sanders
8 p.m.
Student Union
College of St. Scholastica

Tuesday, 4.12.05

Asian Heritage Celebration
6:30 p.m.
Mitchell Auditorium
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Fall 2005 Registration and Advisement

LSBE

Reminder: printed class schedules no longer exist. You must use the on-line version of the class schedule. There is a printable version of the class schedule on the Registrar's Office home page. Degree worksheets and waiting list instructions will be available April 4 outside of SBE 21.

Advisement is scheduled for April 4-15. You are strongly encouraged to meet with your advisor. Sign-up sheets will be posted in each department. Advisement for Bolen's, Furo's, Strand's and Torrison's advisees runs through April 29. Peer advisors will be available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from April 11-29 in SBE 21.

What's New?

When you register for classes, you will be prompted for your health insurance carrier information. Besides having to input the name of the health insurance company and policy number, you will also be required to enter your health insurance carrier's telephone number. Please have these pieces of information handy when you register. You will not be able to proceed through the registration process without this information.

Important: Reminder, course pre-requisites are now enforceable in the registration system. If you have completed a course pre-requisite at another institution, you will need to go to Student Affairs, SBE 21, for registration assistance. Since pre-requisites are now enforced by the system, Student Affairs no longer needs to monitor access into MgtS 4781, FMIS 4225, or MgtS 4481.

Your enrollment appointment is available via the WEB registration system. You can view this at the following URL: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>. Also check to see if you have any holds as they need to be cleared in order for you to register. Remember to check the system frequently as holds are added to records periodically.

FALL 2005 GRADUATES who have received credit checks will be given priority registration for Fall semester LSBE classes only if they fill out a pre-registration form and return it to the front desk in SBE 21 by April 4. There are limited spaces in some courses so make sure that you use this privilege of pre-registration. Make sure that you include second and third choices, especially for MgtS 4481.

SPRING AND SUMMER 2006 GRADUATES need to turn in a graduation plan by April 11 in order to receive a credit check during fall semester and have the ability to pre-register for spring semester 2006 LSBE classes.

LSBE Waiting Lists - Waiting lists are part of the web registration process. LSBE courses which have waiting list capabilities are marked with a phrase titled "Wait list becomes available when class fills." Then, when such a class closes, it will say "Wait List Open." At this point, you register for the class and select the wait list option. You just simply follow the prompts as they appear. You may not put yourself on the waiting list for a different section of a course you are currently registered for. If we find this, you will be removed from the waiting list. Make sure that you don't have a time conflict or too many credits on your schedule in the event that we can add you into the class you are on the waiting list for. Any such conflict will require you to skip over you and move on to the next person on the waiting list. Priority for a course is based on majors and term of graduation for upper division courses and term of admission to candidacy for lower division courses. See LSBE Student Affairs for a detailed description of this new waiting list process.

Eligibility for Courses - We enforce course pre-requisites by reviewing student records at the end of each term. For example, if a student does not successfully complete Act 2001 and is registered for Act 2002, we will drop that student from Act 2002 as they are no longer eligible for the course. Any student attempting to add a course when the semester begins will be checked for eligibility - eligibility for course pre-requisites or for candidacy status. For example, only an official upper division candidate will be allowed into an upper division course with the "LSBE candidate" pre-requisite.

CANDIDACY APPLICATION VS. ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Applying to Candidacy: At 45 credits, students in LSBE are required to apply for candidacy for their degrees. A Hold is placed on the student's record until this application is completed. The forms are available in SBE 21.

Admission to Candidacy: To be eligible for candidacy, a student must be in good academic standing (overall, transcript and internal GPA must be 2.00 or higher), must have completed or be currently enrolled in all pre-major requirements for the BBA or Bac degree

program. Courses still in progress at the time of admission must be successfully completed in order to maintain candidacy status.

CEHSP

Advisement appointment: CEHSP students are expected to meet with their advisors during Advisement Days, Monday, April 4 - Friday, April 29. Advisors will have sign-up sheets posted on their office doors. Appointments with Maribeth Overland and Lisa Rigoni Reeves can be made in BohH 113. The Fall '05 semester registration queue is Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 29.

Please make your appointment with your adviser early to avoid disappointment due to scheduling conflicts. You should have reviewed your program plan and have a tentative schedule prepared when you meet with your advisor as well as a current APAS. You should also identify alternative courses if you have a late queue date or have chosen courses that have limited enrollment.

Change of College forms: The last day to file is Monday, March 14. Completed forms should be returned to BohH 113.

A printed version of the schedule books will no longer be available.

Web site for registration is: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/>

UMD Catalog: The UMD Catalog is your guidebook throughout your college career. Bulletins are printed every two years and contain valuable information about UMD policies, program requirements, and course descriptions. If you do not have the catalog, you may pick one up at the information desk in the Solon Campus Center.

Registration holds must be cleared before you can register by presenting a release form, signed by your advisor, to the Student Affairs Office, BohH 113.

PR HOLD: Students who have one or more high school preparation requirement deficiencies must see their advisor to discuss how the deficiencies will be fulfilled.

RB HOLD: Students who are on academic probation must set up an appointment in BohH 113 to meet with Maribeth Overland in the Student Affairs office.

AMR HOLD: The following students have an advising hold that will be released after a meeting with their advisor: Students assigned to the CEHSP Student Affairs Advisors (Undecided and Pre-education), all Early Childhood students, Psychology majors that have Michael Sullivan as an advisor, pre-majors in Exercise Science, pre-Athletic training, pre-Physical Education, pre-Communication Science Disorders majors who must apply for candidacy, and students with a cumulative GPA below the minimum for admission to the major.

How to Register - To view your queue time and to register, the web address is <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>. You will need to know your Internet ID and password. (Your Internet ID is the same as your e-mail user name.) If you run into difficulties, call 726-8000 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

CLA

Fall Semester 2005 registration queue begins 7:30 a.m., Monday, April 11, and ends noon Friday, April 29.

Queue/Registration time available on-line: Friday, Feb. 18.

Last Day to change UMD colleges for Fall 2005: Monday, March 14.

Fall 2005 Class Schedule. **Reminder:** Class Schedules are only available online. The CLA Department Registration Information will be available online and in paper form beginning March 28, from the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center, 306 Kirby Plaza, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. **Class Schedule:** <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> - Class Schedule.

"Advisement" Schedule for Fall 2005

CLA Advisement Web page: <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/saac/advisement.php>

April 4-8 Senior s, Juniors and Student Athletes

April 11-15 Sophomores*

April 18-22 Freshmen*

*Undecided majors see below for advisement schedule.

Advisement Appointments
All students are encouraged to contact their advisor and schedule an appointment.

1) Make an appointment to see your advisor.

2) Develop a tentative course schedule for next term.

3) Choose additional courses, in case the desired schedule does not work.

4) Write down any questions you may have for your advisor (internships, tutoring, scholarships, job opportunities, etc.).

5) Bring a current copy of your APAS to your appointment. <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/> - Personal Info - View your APAS report.

6) Attend your scheduled appointment with your advisor.

CLA Class Waiting List

The CLA Class Waiting List has been replaced by the PeopleSoft Waitlisting Option. PeopleSoft is the system for student records. If a CLA course has a waitlist it will be indicated on the online Class Schedule after the course.

Permission Numbers for Closed Classes

If you receive a permission number (numeric code to override the enrollment limit for a course), the number is only valid through the end of the second week of the term. Student must be registered for all their courses by this time.

Undecided Students

CLA undecided students with 45 or more semester credits will have an "OT-CLA Declare Major" hold placed on their records. In order to have the hold released, students must either file a "Plan for Major Declaration" form or declare a major. The "Plan for Major Declaration" form is available in 306 Kirby Plaza. Undecided students are required to meet with their academic advisor in order to discuss their progress in exploring/declaring a major.

Mandatory Advisement for First-Year Students!

First year students who are designated as undecided majors are required to seek academic advisement. Advisement for CLA undecided majors will begin March 28. Schedule an appointment with your academic advisor well in advance of your registration time. If you are a first year undecided major, an advisement hold has been placed on your record, and you will not be permitted to register for the next semester until you have met with your academic advisor.

Student Athletes

Undergraduate students who are eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics and who are or will be on an active roster for a UMD intercollegiate sports team may register for next semester during the first week of the registration queue. It will be the student's responsibility to make sure that they have followed all the proper collegiate unit procedures regarding advisement and removal or releasing of holds.

Seniors - Retrieve a copy of the "Senior Checklist" from the following website: http://www.d.umn.edu/registrar/reg_degre_e_info.htm. All degree information is available at the Solon Campus Center Information Desk.

Repeating a Course

If you register for a course which is a repeat from a previous semester, you must retrieve and submit a "Course Repeat Card" to the Solon Campus Center Information Desk.

Time Conflict Policy

To register for courses with a time conflict you will need to file a UMD Petition with the signatures of both instructors, the course numbers and the meeting times of the classes that conflict. Once you have filled out the petition and obtained the required signatures, turn it in to the CLA Student Affairs and Advising Center, 306 Kirby Plaza, for processing.

Update Mailing Address

Reminder, please update your current/local mailing address while registering and/or verify that it is accurate.

NEW Health Insurance Information

All UMD students are required to enter their Health Insurance provider information into their record along with the provider's phone number. The phone number is a new requirement.

Registration Assistance

For registration assistance visit the Student Assistance Center (SAC) in SCC 21 or call them at 726-8000. SAC can answer questions regarding registration policies and processes and health insurance.

Help Desk Call the Help Desk at 726-8847 for technical information such as: locations of computer labs, where you can access Web registration and print out your study list, assistance accessing the registration system, Internet ID and password problem.

SFA

Fall Semester 2005 registration queue begins Monday, April 11 and ends Friday, April 29.

Paper copies of the class schedule are no longer available. Class Schedules are now accessed on the Web. Go to: www.d.umn.edu/courseinfo/ Feb. 18 - Queue/Registration time available on line.

Mandatory Semester Advisement *YOU make an appointment to see your advisor.

*Develop a tentative course schedule for Fall Semester 2005.

*Choose additional courses in case the desired schedule does not work.

*Write down any questions you may have for your advisor.

*Go to your scheduled appointment with your advisor.

SFA Advisement Schedule

April 4-8 Seniors/ Juniors

April 11-15 Sophomores

April 18-22 Freshmen

REPEATING A COURSE? If you register for a course which is a repeat from a previous term, you must submit a Course Repeat Card to the Campus Ctr. Info. Desk. This card is available at the Campus Ctr. Info. Desk.

HEALTH INSURANCE - You will need your health insurance information when you register. Health insurance must be entered if you register for more than six credits.

Students will **ONLY** be able to register through the WEB registration.

Paper copies of the class schedule are no longer available. Go to: www.d.umn.edu/courseinfo/

WEB registration - Go to the Office of the Registrar Homepage (<http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>)

*REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

*For permission numbers -- see your department office

*Wait list information:

For classes with wait list capabilities, you will see the phrase, "wait lists become available when class fills." When the class closes you will see "wait list open." Follow the prompts to be put on the wait list for the class. You can not be on a wait list for a different section of the same course.

***Last Day to Change Colleges for Fall 2005** - March 14.

***Enrollment Appointments (Registration Queue)** (The day and time you register. This is also the link to register for classes.) Available on-line - Feb. 18.

*Service Indicators (Holds)

***Holds on your record.

***Update Address** ***Please update your address when registering.

***For Registration Help** ***Call the Student Assistance Center at 726-8000.

CSE

1. **ADVISEMENT FOR** Fall registration begins Monday, April 4 and finishes Friday, April 18.

Make an appointment to see your advisor by signing up on the appointment calendar on your advisor's door. If your advisor or department has scheduled group advisement, follow their instructions to attend a group session.

Make a tentative plan for Fall classes. Check required courses on the program sheet for your major; check the class schedule for courses and times.

See your advisor at the appointment time. Bring a written draft of your planned schedule. Be prepared to talk about your educational goals and academic progress.

2. Registration begins Monday, April 11. Find your "queue" or registration appointment time at When Can I Register? <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register/>

3. **REGISTRATION HOLDS** if < 60 CR.

To ensure that they see their advisors, students with less than 60 completed credits will not be able to register until they meet with their advisor, receive an advising hold release form and hand the form into the CSE office.

4. **ALL OTHER REGISTRATION HOLDS:** ALL PHYSICS, ALL ENGINEERING, ALL GEOL SCIENCES and ALL COMPUTER SCIENCE students must see their advisors even if they have completed 60. Holds will be released only after advisement.

5. **TO RELEASE REGISTRATION HOLDS** -

- Students meet with advisors for advisement;

- Advisor gives student signed release form;

- Student brings signed release form to CSE Student Affairs, Engr. 140.

- CSE Student Affairs releases the hold by 8 a.m. the following day (in most cases it is released immediately).

6. **HOW TO REGISTER** - Register on the Web. Use your Internet ID and password to access the system. Start with UMD Home page; link with Current Students; link with Register for Classes; link with Add or Change Classes. Use the Web Class Schedule and Section Status Report for class schedule updates and open/closed status.

7. **CLASS SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON WEB ONLY. NO PRINTED VERSION.**

8. **REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE** - Registration assistance will be available in the CSE Student Affairs office throughout the queue.

9. **OVERRIDES AND CLOSED CLASSES** - CSE Student Affairs will keep Wait Lists and Overrides for closed 1000-level Biology, 1000 & 2000-level CS, all Math, Statistics, and Chemistry. For other courses, contact the instructor or the department.

10. **QUESTIONS?** - Contact CSE Student Affairs, Engr. 140, 726-7585, csesa@d.umn.edu.

GRADUATE STUDENT REGISTRATION

All new and returning graduate students (MA, MS, MBA, MSEC, MSEM, MFA, MLS, MM, MSW) are queued to register for Fall Semester April 11-Sept. 5. Check on the web to indicate your registration time and date.

If you have a "Hold" on your record, you may not register until that hold is cleared with the office imposing the hold. A hold may be imposed for financial indebtedness to the University (e.g. for unpaid library fines, unpaid tuition or fees or failure of filing a degree program or providing a degree transcript verifying the award of your undergraduate degree). You can check for holds on your record by using Student Access. You will be informed of any recent holds when you attempt to register.

If you need a "permission number" to register you are to obtain this number from your department, not the Graduate School office.

All graduate students are required to register EVERY SEMESTER (excluding summer) in order to keep your status active. Failure to do so will result in your having to be readmitted and pay a readmission fee.

Any questions you may have regarding your graduate status, contact the UMD Graduate School office at 726-7523.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

FALL 2005 CLASS SCHEDULE INFORMATION will be on-line (www.umn.edu/register). A Fall 2005 class schedule containing evening and INI courses will be available late April. The CE class schedule may be picked up at the CE windows 1 or 2 in the Darland Administration Building lobby or call 726-8113 to have one sent to you.

FALL 2005 REGISTRATION WHEN:

Monday, May 2. To view your appointment time, see the URL address below. You may register anytime on or after your appointment time.

HOW:

In person: Windows 1 or 2 in the Darland Administration Bldg lobby

By phone: (218) 726-8113

By fax: (218) 726-6925

By web: www.d.umn.edu/Register/ (for continuing CE students only)

By mail: Send registration information to: Continuing Education 104 DADB 1049 University Dr Duluth, MN 55812

PLEASE CHECK FOR HOLDS prior to May 2 in the event that you may need to clear a hold before you will be eligible to register. To view your records use the following URL: <http://www.d.umn.edu/Register>. Or you may stop by the CE windows or call 726-8113 to check on holds.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Continuing Education students can pay their Fall tuition with a credit card AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION (Visa, Mastercard and Novus/Discover accepted) or tuition can be billed to SAR (Student Accounts Receivable). Note: Bills are no longer mailed out. You will receive notification of your account via UMD email. Details available at the UM pay site <http://www.d.umn.edu/students/umpay>.

If you have any questions, please contact Continuing Education Registration at 726-8113.



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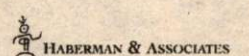
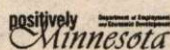
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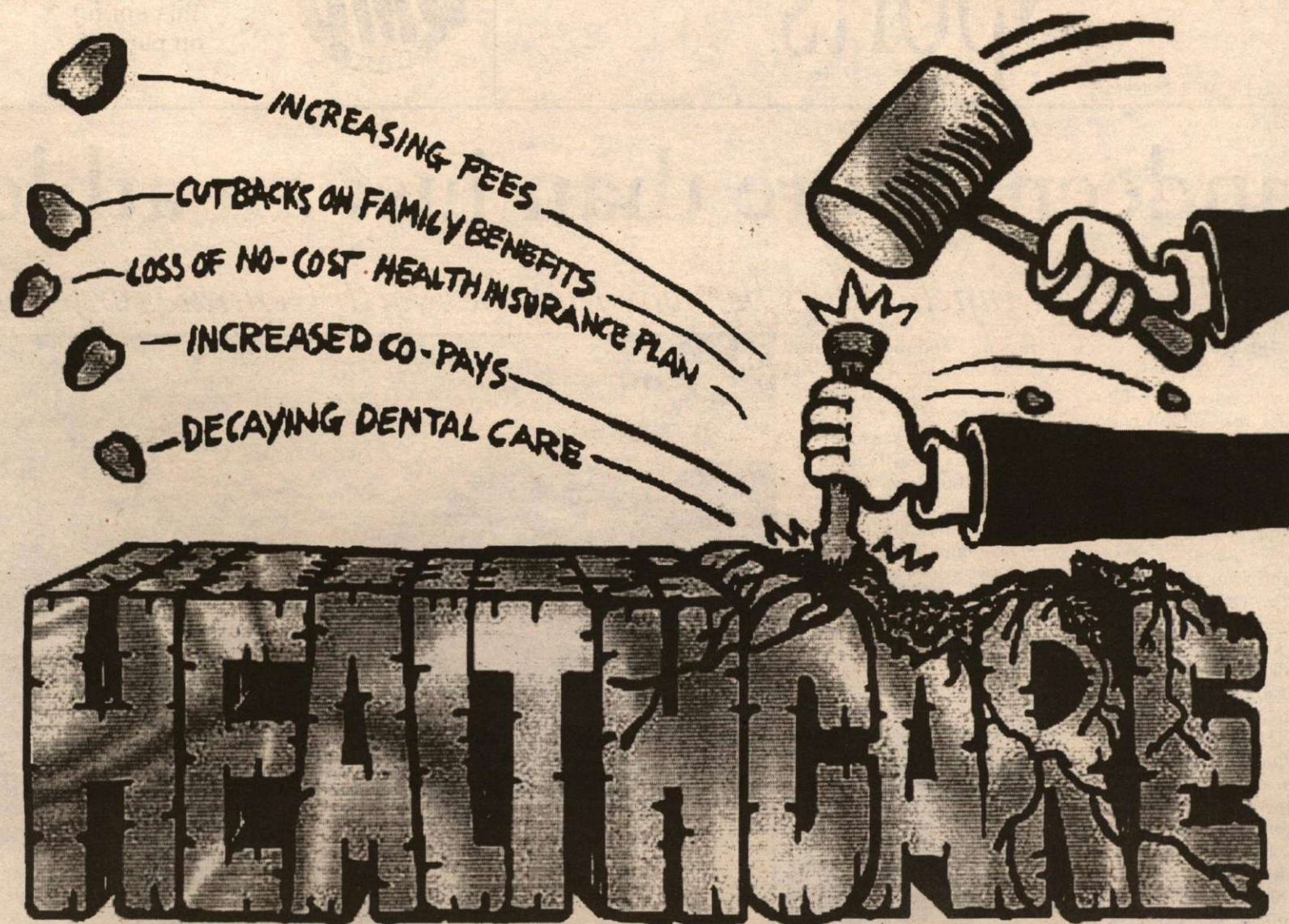


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this spring
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SOFTBALL

Lundeen: more than just an athlete

UMD softball infielder hits her way into the North Central Conference

By PATRICK BRANNAN
STAFF REPORTER

Lindsey Lundeen, a senior infielder for the softball team was recently voted the North Central Conference Player of the Week. The very noteworthy accomplishment has raised the question of who exactly is Lundeen.

Lundeen was raised here in Duluth. Throughout her elementary and high school careers she played soccer, basketball and softball.

She attended Duluth Central High School where she was voted Homecoming Queen and graduated near the top of her class.

"I enjoyed playing all the sports I was in," said Lundeen. "Softball, though, was always my favorite."

After high school was over, which college she would attend was never a question. UMD gave her the opportunity to play Division II softball on an accomplished team in her hometown. She was awarded both academic and athletic scholarships.

"I grew up being a Bulldog fan and attended numerous sporting events and camps," said Lundeen. "Now I am proud to be a Bulldog!"

Last year Lundeen enjoyed her first full year as an everyday starter. Her playing time helped gather her a career-high 22 runs, 31 hits and 12 RBIs.

In 2002, her freshman year, she batted a respectable .280

in six games and the following year she batted .298.

This year, Lundeen has a batting average of .356 and is getting close to passing her career highs in all batting categories. Lundeen was also a two-time All-NSIC (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) Academic Team honoree the last two seasons. The Bulldogs competed in the NSIC conference until this season's move to the North Central Conference.

Team-mate Dayna Groom also had a good week for the Bulldogs, extending her hitting streak. Check out her new team record on page 34.



Second baseman
Lindsey Lundeen

Lundeen is a Biology major with minors in Spanish and Chemistry. She will be attending UMD's Pharmacy school next fall. She also stays busy as vice president of the Pre-Pharmacy Club, conducting biological research and playing clarinet in the Duluth Community Band.

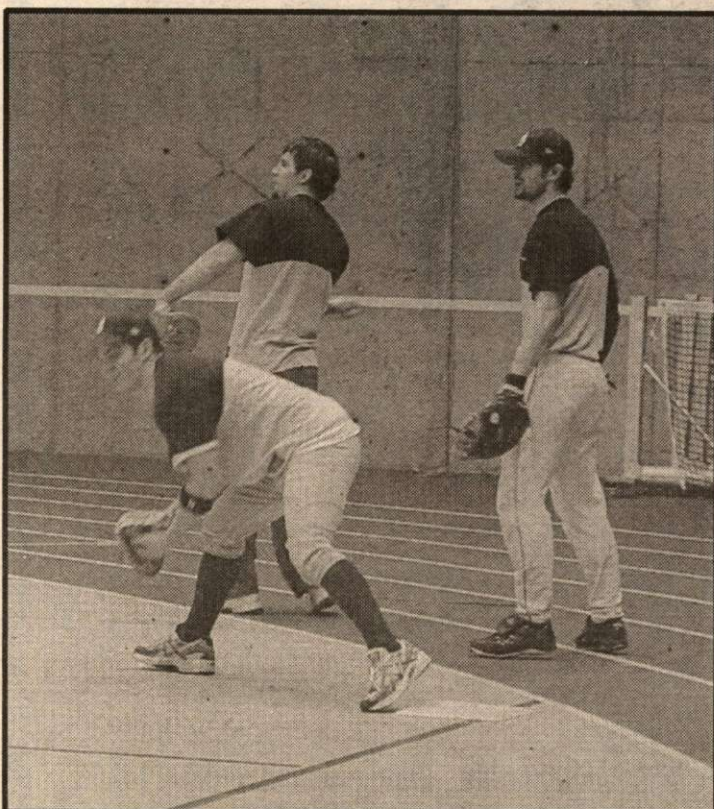
She has been awarded three Undergraduate Research Opportunity Projects, one of which took her to a marine lab in Cape Cod, Mass.

Lundeen does enjoy some
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UMD ATHLETICS

Lindsey Lundeen has managed at least one hit in each of her last 16 outings. The second-year starting second baseman was named the Bulldogs' first North Central Conference Player of the Week after hitting .543 in 11 games during the last two weeks of play.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

The Bulldogs will continue to prepare for games in the field house for the next few weeks.

BASEBALL

Bulldogs go 4-2 as NCC play begins

By MATTHEW SAUTER
STAFF REPORTER

As opening day hits major league stadiums around the country, the UMD men's baseball team is in mid-season stride taking three of four from Upper Iowa University (UIU) this past weekend and one from WSU Tuesday.

UMD traveled to Fayette, Iowa on Saturday and Sunday for four games, and then down to Winona State to battle the Warriors, their long time NSCI rivals, in a doubleheader.

Both hitting and pitching came through strong this past week for the Bulldogs both against UIU and Winona.

"We knew we had some returning guys that could hit," said captain Nate Cermak. "We always have hit well and last weekend everyone was getting on the boat."

"Coach [Hanna] shuffled things up this weekend," said Greg Aker. "We had guys hitting where they haven't hit all year. It worked out really well."

UMD opened Saturday's play with Adam Baker on the mound. Baker turned in a solid performance, allowing two runs over six innings with four strikeouts.

The bats came alive in the first inning for UMD as they knocked in three and gained a lead they would not relinquish.

"It's always nice to have that lead," said Cermak. "Pitching with the lead you don't have to worry about that hanging curve ball or leaving one up."

Luke Johnson, Tim Garceau and Aker, UMD's two-three-four hitters accumulated six of UMD's nine hits in Saturday's

first game of the day.

That afternoon, in game two, the Bulldogs offense scored another eight runs, but UIU's bats would not be silenced this time around as they tallied 11 runs.

"We have been trying to avoid giving up that in big innings," said Cermak. "It stings us every couple of games. If we stay out of those innings we can stay with them."

Andrew Heieie went 4-4 in the game and Cermak followed him with a 2-4 showing with two RBIs. But it was not enough and UMD fell 8-11.

Sunday's action would heat up. Like the two games before, the Bulldogs took the early lead this time with four runs in the first inning. UMD would file through three pitchers giving

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FOOTBALL

UMD set for spring football training

By STEVE DOMBECK
STAFF REPORTER

The University of Minnesota Duluth football team begins spring practice this week with hard decisions and high hopes for the fall season. In addition to new players, the team will welcome a new offensive coordinator.

Dan Ragsdale, formerly an assistant coach at Stanford, will take over as the offensive coordinator for the Bulldogs' 2005 season.

Head Coach Kyle Schweigert believes that Ragsdale will be a great addition to the coaching staff as well as to the Bulldog program.

"We're excited to have Dan," said Schweigert. "He brings enthusiasm, excitement and knowledge to our players. The program as a whole will benefit."

According to the coaches, one of the main focuses for the team during the spring is to take a closer look at the younger players, especially those who were redshirted last year.

"It is really for the young guys for the depth chart," said Schweigert. "Now they get to run the Bulldog offense and the Bulldog defense and show what they can do."

Besides building the depth chart, the staff knows that spring practice is also about getting back to the basics.



LANCE FISCHER/UMD STATESMAN

In 2005 the Bulldogs hope to add new depth with young talent to their starting team after UMD held a 4-7 overall record and a 1-5 record in the NCC during 2004.

"Spring is about learning your offense, learning your defense and working on the fundamentals," said Schweigert.

Former offensive coordinator and now Assistant Head Coach Nate Gibbs agreed with Schweigert on how useful spring practice can be.

"We need to get guys ready to play in the fall," said Gibbs. "We need to look at schemes offensively and defensively."

Offensively, the Bulldogs will look to the kicking game, as well as the wide receiver and half back positions.

"The offense needs to be much more diverse in the passing game and the offense in general," said Gibbs.

When asked about what defense they will focus on during the spring, Schweigert said that eliminating the big play opportunities will help as well

as being more consistent on the field.

The team's goal of winning the conference starts in the spring. With their first North Central Conference season under their belt, the Bulldogs understand what it is like to compete in the tough conference.

"We have a chance to be competitive," said Gibbs. "I know that they [the team] know what it is like to play in the North Central Conference. They know how to compete and perform. It all starts right now in the spring."

"Spring ball is fun," added Schweigert. "It is a very important time in the year for our team. Your motivation is different. Our guys are excited. We get to test our skills on the field. We have a new system and a lot of new faces on defense."

Spring practices will be held four days a week for two hours each day. The spring practice season will conclude on Saturday, April 30, when the annual spring scrimmage will be played at 1 p.m. at Griggs Field.

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Groom on 20-game hitting streak

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

Although the women's softball team had a tough time during last weekend's tournament, senior Dayna Groom managed to come out on top with a school record. In each of this season's 20 games, Groom has managed at least one hit.

Groom was one of the star players for the Bulldogs over the weekend as the catcher/designated player hit well in all four outings she played in to extend her UMD school-record hitting streak to 20 games.



Catcher
Dayna Groom

UMD won their first game and lost their last four at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Tournament. Groom, who broke the previous UMD record of 19 games set by infielder AmyLou Ashe in 1996, collected nine hits in 13 at bats over the two-day event to increase her team-leading batting average to .507.

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Bulldog becomes member of Freshman D-II National Team

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

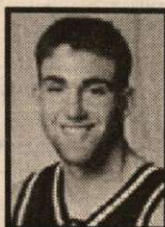
The Division II Bulletin honored University of Minnesota Duluth men's basketball player John Vaudreuil this week by naming him to its 10-member national All-Freshmen Team.

The freshman forward, whose strong inaugural season ended with the claiming of the North Central Conference Freshman of the Year honors, led all first-year NCC players in scoring. He collected 11.1 points per game with a field goal percentage of .533 and an average of .50 blocks per game.

Vaudreuil showed his potential even before college with his sensational high school

career at Bloomington Jefferson, Minn. There he received All-Conference, All-Metro and All-State Team honors in 2004, and, as the Jaguars' captain, was their leading scorer and named team MVP for the season.

Vaudreuil was the only freshman from the NCAA's North Central Region to receive Division II Bulletin All-Freshman Team honors.



Forward
John Vaudreuil

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UMD tennis team to finish 2005 regular season this weekend

By AARON PRICE
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Minnesota Duluth will play its final two matches of the 2005 regular season this Saturday and Sunday when the Bulldogs travel to Grand Forks, N.D. and then to Bemidji, Minn.

The Bulldogs will face the University of North Dakota at 4 p.m. Saturday in their NCC finale before taking on Bemidji State University the following afternoon at noon.

So far UMD is 8-7 overall and 2-3 in their first year in the North Central Conference and were riding a four-match winning streak until last weekend.

The Bulldogs' rough outing brought home losses to both Nebraska-Omaha (0-9) and Augustana College (3-6). The losses stopped UMD's streak which they had been on before their three week break.

North Dakota has gone 13-5 overall in 2005 and 3-1 in NCC play through March. The top singles player for the Fighting

Sioux holds a 9-4 record in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles' positions, while their doubles pair is 8-2 in all three doubles' positions.

Bemidji State, on the other hand, is now 4-13 overall and 2-1 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

This is the final weekend of regular season play for UMD. The Bulldogs will then have a week off before heading down to St. Cloud for their first-ever NCC Tournament.

The key players for the Bulldogs this season have been sophomore Stacy Schulz (8-5 at No. 4 singles) and junior Beth Standke (7-5 at No. 3 singles). The duo has also paired up to help UMD the most in the doubles section of the matches.

Standke and Schulz are currently 8-4 at No. 2 doubles, with Jamie Hasner and Andrea Mock moving up as well in doubles, with a 7-4 mark at No. 3 doubles.

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BASEBALL: Bulldogs split with long-time rival WSU

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up nine runs and let up four errors creating extra chances for the UIU team.

UIU would tie it at nine in the fourth and it would remain knotted until the seventh when the Bulldogs would take the lead. Scott Christenson would eventually close the door, getting the save, his fourth of the season.

The last and final game of

the weekend ended with a less dramatic 10-4 score. Garceau again sparked the team grabbing his fourth homerun of the season, tying team leader Cermak.

"I think this weekend was nice to get everyone on the same page," said Cermak. "We need to lower that team ERA and that will come with time, but we are definitely on the right track."

Garceau was given the NCC Player of the Week after going 10-15 and slating three homeruns. He is the first NCC Player of the Week in UMD baseball history.

"Garceau was hot this weekend," said Aker. "He was swinging well. He had one of the best weekends I've ever seen."

Sunday's 10-4 win marked

stantly busy and something is always going on. It helped growing up that my family is very sports-oriented."

Lundeen and the Bulldogs are now 11-14 overall this spring. On Friday they will begin their first-ever North Central Conference activity when they return to Omaha for an afternoon doubleheader with the Mavericks.

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the program's 600th win; UMD baseball has been active since 1972.

On Tuesday the Bulldogs lost a close game to the Warriors 8-9. They would rebound in the next game and split the series with an 8-2 win.

"We wanted to go down there and get a little revenge,"

said Aker. "They swept us last year and we were looking to pay them back."

UMD will travel to MSU-Mankato this weekend for the teams first ever NCC game.

"We are eager to start," said Aker. "We want to see how we match up in the NCC. We aren't looking to go .500 or

just do well, we think we can be in contention for a league title and we are going to have to battle."

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LUNDEEN: A player who is like any other student at UMD

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free time in her hectic daily life. She fills these moments with intramurals, open swimming, open skating and spending time with her friends and according to Lundeen staying busy is nothing new.

"My parents had to shuttle me and my younger sister, Lauren, to all of our different activities and back again when we were younger," said Lundeen. "My family life is con-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF UMD RSOP

UMD RSOP Fun and Adventure day camp counselor and UMD student Justin Jackson and his troop of campers take a break from their busy schedule for a quick photo in front of the UMD rock climbing wall.

By AMBER GLAWE
STAFF REPORTER

This week, UMD's Recreational Sports Outdoor Program is sponsoring a day camp for children in grades one through four. Duluth's elementary schools have Spring Break this week, so this camp gives kids opportunities to do something other than watch a solid week of TV. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 15 campers get to hang out at UMD with nine counselors, all of whom are UMD students.

"Can we go to outer space, or France?" asked one young, active camper during snack time.

"No, we don't let them go to outer space or France, but we do some other cool stuff," said UMD student and intramural sport and youth camp coordinator

Justin Jackson. "Fun and Adventure" day camp involves swimming, rock climbing, nature hikes, a trip to the planetarium, dodgeball and a maple syruping hike.

"I like rock climbing and swimming the most," said Mark Prince, 8. "Oh, and sofa. It's like dodgeball but when you get out you have to go to the sofa until someone else gets out. It's fun."

The Spring Day camp is the first of a series of camps that happen throughout the summer at UMD. For more information on RSOP's youth programming, visit www.umdrsop.org/youth.

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Spring Break saltwater adventure

Speckled sea trout lure anglers away from Florida party scene



BRIAN PORTER/UMD STATESMAN

Outdoors reporter Brian Porter and his father Al Porter with sea trout.

By BRIAN PORTER
STAFF REPORTER

Although daydreams of wild beach parties and MTV camera crews are often the first notions conjured up by the mention of Spring Break, there are other ways to catch some sun during the week-long southern break from northern studies.

I spent my break with some friends just outside of Orlando, Fla. Although we didn't leave the country for Mexico, where the parties reportedly raged, I was able to pursue one of my true passions in an environment every bit as foreign to me as Mexico would have been.

The second day of our trip was reserved for a guided fishing trip we had booked several weeks in advance. Our trip was scheduled to depart from the docks of a sleepy little fishing village north of Tampa Bay, Fla., known as Homosassa Springs. Unlike many

other Meccas of charter fishing, Homosassa has been largely untouched by development, and is the gateway to many miles of wild backcountry waterways.

We boarded the 24-foot customized Carolina skiff, christened the "Redfish Hunter," and our guide, Captain Ed Lewis, whisked us along a river, through a meandering maze of massive mangrove swamps.

Along the way we observed a multitude of birds, including a nesting osprey and several varieties of pelicans. From one dock we heard a dog's loud warning to a playful porpoise that had apparently strayed too close to a boatlift under the canine's dutiful protection.

The mangrove swamps soon gave way to the beginnings of the Gulf of Mexico. Our lines first hit the water with a quick drift of a flat near the mouth of the river we had just traversed. Our primary quarry was

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FLORIDA: Sea trout prove to be challenging saltwater quarry

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speckled sea trout, and they tend to frequent this particular flat early in the day, due to the warm water flowing out of the nearby river.

Capt. Ed had rigged up several spinning outfits for our use, and the primary presentation consisted of plastic swim baits drifted just below rattling floats. Another rod was equipped with a red and white suspending body-bait, which was to be cast and slowly worked back to the boat.

I initially chose to try my hand at fly-fishing for these trout, but an hour or so of fighting the stiff breeze had me reaching, with a sore arm, for a spinning rod. The breeze

did eventually let off, allowing me to land several small trout on my fly rod, before my arm became completely exhausted and I returned to spinning tackle.

We explored several portions of the vast flats area of the Gulf, and landed dozens upon dozens of feisty trout. As the wind whisked us along, covering water rarely more than four feet deep, we eventually discovered that the trout -- not being especially aggressive on this particular day -- would readily take a live shrimp drifted beneath the rattling float.

Our guide explained to us that the fish were just beginning to feed heavily again, following a cold front that had lowered the water temperature by 10 degrees.

The trout seemed to figure out our tactics just as readily as we figured out theirs. On four separate occasions, a conversation or a quick snack briefly diverted my attention from my line; without fail, I was startled by the sound of

my reel's screaming drag, as the rod was nearly pulled from my grasp. I was only able to hook into one of these stealthy attackers, and it happened to be one of the larger fish we landed. Of course this quickly led to the true fisherman's assumption that the three that eluded my hooks must have been of trophy caliber.

As evening neared, we began to notice baitfish jumping and surfacing near mangrove stands. These fish are known as mullet (yes, it's more than just the name of a wicked haircut) and feed strictly on vegetation, Capt. Ed explained, as he used his trolling motor to ease us in for a closer look.

He went on to inform us that redfish, one of the most highly sought after game fish in the area, would follow these schools of mullet closely for the forage found in the sediment that the mullet stir up. Sure enough, as we quietly slipped closer to the leaping mullet, we observed a number of redfish bringing up the rear of these massive schools.

The reds rejected all of our offerings, though; our guide said it had been the norm since the recent cold front. Optimal feeding temperature for these fish is in the 80-degree range, and the temperature on that day was closer to 65.

As always, the outing came to an end all too soon, but the afternoon's high tide gave our guide the opportunity to bring us back to port by way of the swamp's winding backcountry. The way to the Gulf had seemed remote and shallow, and the way back to the dock was more impressive in both respects.

While cruising along with the throttle nearly wide open, Capt. Ed skillfully maneuvered his vessel in and among various oyster bars, crab traps and mangroves. The majority of our return route was through a stretch of river not more than three feet deep, which, to my amazement, was more than enough water for our experienced skipper to pilot his craft at a speed of approximately 40 miles per

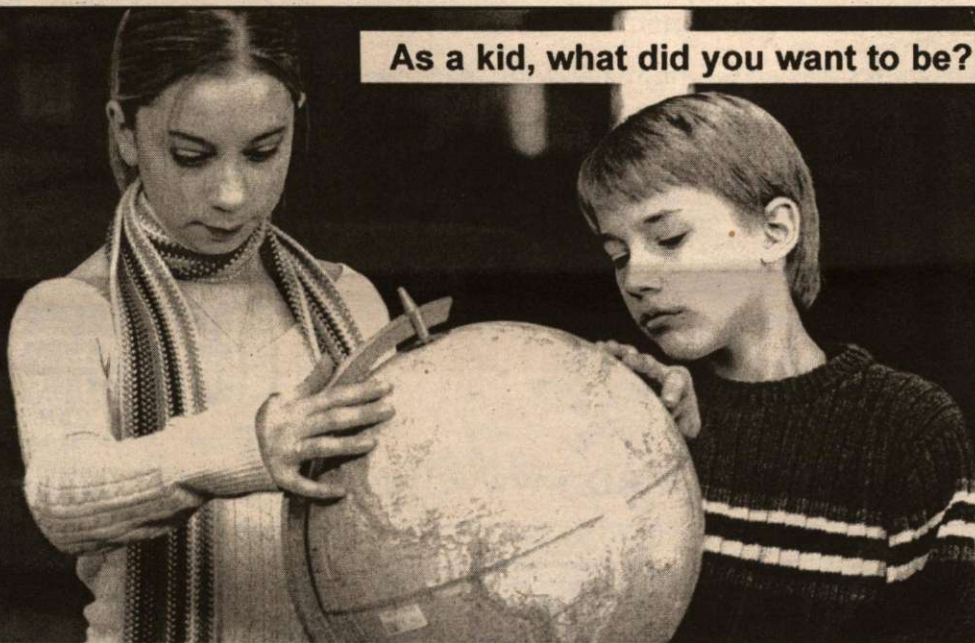
hour.

Our trip coincided with the beginning of the flats fishing season, a time when the trout are one of the only fish available to anglers. However, as the season progresses, this area becomes host to a wide variety of game fish, including a seasonal migration of tarpon, which has given up several fly-rod records.

Although the trout we caught are hardly the largest fish to inhabit the Florida flats, we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. In addition to a tasty dinner, our crew was rewarded with the opportunity to explore a region largely foreign to us and enjoy some of the finer points of its unique fishery.

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Music Dept.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Recital: Adriana Ransom, cello. Cost: Free.

Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Graduate Recital: Carolyn Rynex, soprano. Cost: Free.

Sunday, April 10, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall - French Trip Benefit Concert: Talent Showcase. Cost: \$10.

Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Guest Artist Concert: SO Percussion. Cost: \$10/\$8/\$5.

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Weber Music Hall - UMD Guitar Ensemble Concert. Cost: \$6/\$5/\$3.

Women's History Month

Today, noon, Library Fourth Floor Rotunda - Speaker: Maureen Tobin Stanley, professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures at UMD, "Voices of Gendered Resistance in Neus Català's De la Resistència y la Deportación: The Triumph of Life, Dignity and Solidarity During the Holocaust."

Friday, April 8, 3 p.m., Weber Music Hall - Speaker: Sara Evans, professor, History and Women's Studies, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, "Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End."

Tuesday, April 12, 4 p.m., KSC 273 - Film: "Maria Full of Grace."

Thursday, April 14, noon, Library Fourth Floor Rotunda - Speaker: Gesa Zinn, professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures at UMD, "The Life of the Gypsies: Roma and Sinti in Germany Today."

Spring 2005 Film Series

The Struggle for Dignity: Part II: Marginalization and Identity. The film series showcases a variety of cinematographic genres as well as diverse languages and cultures (both inside and outside the U.S.).

Today, 4:30 p.m., H480 - To be announced; Documentary on the Hmong people in the U.S. today.

Thursday, April 14, 4:30 p.m., H480 - "Tales from Arab Detroit," directed by Joan Mandell, U.S., 1995.

Geology Seminar

"Ground Penetrating Radar Imaging of Fluvial Architecture and Assyrian Archaeological Sites, Upper Tigris River Valley, SE Turkey," will be presented by Dr. Tim Demko, Dept. of Geological Sciences, UMD, today at 3:50 p.m. in MWAH 191.

International Brown Bag

"Voices of Gendered Resistance in Neus Català's De la Resistència y la deportación: The Triumph of Life, Dignity and Solidarity During the Holocaust" will be presented by Dr. Maureen Tobin Stanley, UMD foreign languages and literatures today at noon, in the Library Fourth Floor Rotunda.

She will discuss the compilation of testimonials of over 50 Spanish women that were active in the French Resistance during World War II. Many were deported to the Nazi concentration camp Ravensbruck in Germany.

Biology Seminar

"Birds and Dinosaurs, Which Came First?" will be presented by Dr. Frances James, Florida State University, Friday, April 8, at 3 p.m. in LSci 185.

Doc Talks

Greg Rutkowski, assistant professor, Chemical Engineering Dept., will present a session about nerve regeneration Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in SMed 142.

Jane Hovland, adjunct assistant professor, Dept. of Behavioral Sciences, will present a lecture about obesity Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in SMed 142.

Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus

Back by popular demand, the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus will perform a second benefit concert at Weber Music Hall Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m.

The theme is "K-GAY: Sounds of the '60s." Tickets are \$20 each/general seating.

The concert benefits the UMD Cruden-Riggs GLBT Scholarship Fund.

Contact: Angie Nichols, 726-7300 for tickets or send checks made payable to "UMD" to GLBT Services, Kirby 236, 1120 Kirby Drive, Duluth, MN 55812.

Journey Jargons and Lectures

Journey Jargons feature slides and personal experiences or trips taken by University for Seniors (US) members and guests. The Lectures cover a myriad of topics. Journey Jargons and Lectures are free and open to the public.

Monday, April 11, 11:30 a.m., KPlz 311 - "The Magic Is In the Rocks."

David Kress, President of Ely-Winton Historical Society, will discuss the evolution of the sauna from its beginning in Finland as a form of bathing to its recreational use in America today. His seven visits to Finland will add personal experience to this old tradition.

Anxious, stressed?

Strategies For Success will meet Wednesday, April 13, at 4 p.m. in KSC 264. It's a support/resource group. Come join the group and share your

concerns and/or offer suggestions. Questions? Contact umdsuccess@yahoo.com.

Test Anxiety Seminar

Suffering from test anxiety? On Thursday, April 14, at noon in BohH 112, Jean Thoenes, a counselor from Health Services, will present a one-hour seminar on how to beat test anxiety.

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Pro-Choice UMD

On Monday, April 11, Tina Welsh will be speaking to the public from 4-5:30 p.m. in Kirby Rafters about abortion legislation and "pro-choice feminist history."

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What's Going On In Duluth?

The UMD Urban Studies Program presents Duluth Mayor Herb Bergson speaking on "What's Going On In Duluth?" Monday, April 11, at noon in KSC 311.

He will discuss hunger and homelessness issues, young people's issues, CDBG monies and other issues.

Coffee and fruit pizza available.

Geography Seminar

The UMD Department of Geography presents Kath Browne, Ph.D., lecturer in geography, Department of Geography, University of Brighton (England), speaking on "Tales of Dublin City: Non-Heterosexual Women/Lesbians Write the 'Fair City,'" Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in LSci 185.

A reception will be held immediately following the lecture. For more information, call 726-7076 or 726-6246.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Today - Thursday in Black. Stop by the table in front of the Bookstore to learn more about what you can do to stop violence against women.

Tuesday, April 12 - Film: "Rape Culture," 2:30 p.m., KSC 273.

Tuesday, April 12 - Live performance of "The Vagina Monologues," 7 p.m., NorShor Theatre. Cost: \$7. Fundraiser for Take Back the Night.

Wednesday, April 13 - Self-Defense Workshop with Kim Campbell from On-Alert Self Defense, 7 p.m., Kirby Lounge.

Thursday, April 14 - "A Woman Like You," monologues about sexual assault and domestic violence, noon, Kirby Lounge.

Math Colloquium

"Probability, Fraud and Carnival Games" will be presented by Prof. Ronald Regal, UMD Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, today at 3:15 p.m. in SCC 130.

Campus Assembly Meeting

The Campus Assembly Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, in Kirby Ballroom B. The social/coffee/cookies will be held at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting will be at 2 p.m.

An agenda for the meeting and background material for issues to be discussed will be mailed to Campus Assembly members before the meeting. Copies will also be placed on file in the library. Non-members of the

assembly will be accorded similar speaking privileges as those enjoyed by members of the assembly, but voting will be conducted according to existing assembly policies.

UMD Art & Design Student Exhibition

The annual UMD Art & Design Juried Student Exhibition will be held April 9 - May 8 at the Tweed Museum.

It features the best of undergraduate student achievement in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, graphic design, photography and mixed media art making.

A public reception for the announcement of winners of placement awards and Department of Art and Design scholarships will be Saturday, April 9, from 6-8 p.m. School of Fine Arts Dean Jack Bowman and Department of Art & Design Acting Chair Robert Repinski will confer over \$2,500 in awards to students, along with academic scholarships for the upcoming year. Much of the artwork on exhibition is available for purchase.

This year's exhibition co-jurors include Sarah Nelson and Douglas Padilla.

The Vagina Monologues

The award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues," by Eve Ensler, will be presented Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the NorShor Theatre, 211 E. Superior Street.

The performance will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Susana Pelayo-Woodward, director of UMD's Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Learning Resource Center, and Rebecca St. George, from Mending the Sacred Hoop.

The show will also include a raffle of items and gift certificates donated by local businesses.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door. This performance is a fundraiser for the Fifth Annual Take Back the Night, a community march and rally that calls for an end to sexual violence, to be held Thursday, April 28.

For additional information, contact PAVSA at 726-1442 or www.pavsa.org.

Women, Children and Toxics Workshops

Did you know one in six U.S. women of childbearing age have mercury in their bodies at levels that may adversely affect their unborn child?

Did you know babies and toddlers have a 10 times greater risk of cancer than adults when exposed to certain gene-damaging chemicals?

Did you know that chemical toxins are linked to developmental disabilities and cancer?

Two workshops on Women, Children and Toxics will be presented by Erica Sahlstrom, a senior Social Work student at the College of St. Scholastica completing her internship under Rosie Loeffler-Kemp with Clean Water Action, Wednesday, April 13. The first workshop will be held from 12-1 p.m. in Kirby Lounge and the second will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

Latin American Awareness Celebration

Tuesday, April 12 - Film: "Maria Full of Grace," 4 p.m., KSC 273. This is the story of an

intelligent and fiercely independent 17-year-old girl from Colombia who agrees to smuggle a half-kilo of heroin into the United States.

Saturday, April 16 - 16TH ANNUAL FIESTA. Entertainment by Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre, Salvadoran Dancers and live music by Grupo Caval Latin.

Latin American Buffet Dinner tickets are now on sale in Kirby Student Center across from the UMD Bookstore. Tickets are: \$16 general admission, \$12 student admission, \$6 children (6 and under) and \$5 Dance Only (9 p.m. for dance).

Sunday, April 17 - Bilingual Play by Patricia Mendoza, "La Verdadera Vida de Benito Juarez (The True Life of Benito Juarez)." The true life of Benito Juarez is an educational bilingual puppet play for children and adults. Free.

Tuesday, April 19 - Film: "La Cueva Sola." After 30 years in exile, critically acclaimed filmmaker Marilu Mallet returns to Santiago to meet with five Chilean women from three generations who suffered under the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet and have emerged as heroes under democracy.

Thursday, April 21 - Speaker Kim Crawford, "The Socio-Economic and Spiritual Life of the Mayan People of Guatemala," noon, Kirby Rafters.

All events are open to the public. For additional information, contact Susana Pelayo-Woodward at 726-8444.

Chemistry Dept.

The UMD Department of Chemistry will hold its 7th Annual Undergraduate Symposium April 8-9.

Graduating seniors majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry/Molecular Biology will present scientific talks.

Professor Kent Mann, Department of Chemistry, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, will present the keynote talk at 2 p.m. Friday, April 8, in Ballroom B. The title of his seminar is "Design, Synthesis and Characterization of Vapochromic Compounds for Sensors."

For more information, contact Joanne Ellis at 7257 or jellis.

Sara Evans Lecture

Sara M. Evans, Distinguished McKnight Professor of History and Women's Studies at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities will be presenting a lecture entitled "Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End" Friday, April 8, at 3 p.m. in Weber Music Hall.

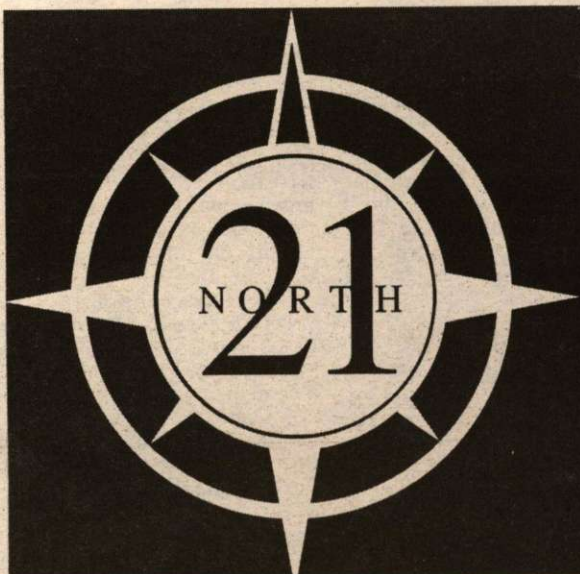
Prof. Evans is one of the foremost scholars of the history of the U.S. feminist movement, and has recently completed a book by the same title. Her lecture will analyze the origins and outcomes of second-wave feminism in the U.S.

The event is sponsored by the Women's Studies Department, the Commission on Women, the Women's Resource and Action Center and the History Department. It is free and open to the public.

Campus Briefs Deadline

The deadline for Campus Briefs is Monday at 4 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Submissions can be e-mailed to statesman@d.umn.edu or sent to K118.



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